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Not enough workers, not enough funds to train new ones

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five years.

At the Saipan
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merce general meeting Wednesday,
president Alex Sablan said the Com-
monwealth is experiencing and is pro-

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will push through.

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ed workforce demands loom—only a
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Treasury fines Dynasty \$75M

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The U.S. Department of
the Treasury Financial
Crimes Enforcement
Network, commonly
known as FinCEN, has assessed
a civil penalty in
the amount of \$75
million against the
owner of Tinian
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Lawmakers steer clear of trip to Singapore

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Members of the Legislature will not be attend-
ing a “familiarization” trip to an integrated re-
sort in Singapore.

Senate President Victor C. Hocog (Ind-
Rota) said nobody from the Senate will at-
tend. He did advise those who are interested
to shoulder their own expenses, should they

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CLIMATE COMMITMENT

With Northern Marianas College students and employees looking on, NMC president Sharon Hart signs the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. College presidents and other educational leaders who sign the Climate Commitment are pledging to eliminate their campuses' net greenhouse gas emissions in a reasonable period of time.

NMC

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Racoma wins the SYP logo contest

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A new logo for the Saipan Young Professionals Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce has been chosen.

After setting up a contest for high school students, the committee chose a logo designed by Abby Racoma of Saipan Southern High School.

According to SYP chair Mable Ayuyu, the logo was chosen by most members because they felt it best represented what they stand for such as leadership and professionalism.

“The logo was a strong, yet simple representation of a young professional in the Marianas. The design works cohesively with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce logo,” Ayuyu said.

A total of seven entries were received by the committee af-

ter the school-level selections. Members of the committee cast votes on the top five and the logos were ranked according to the number of votes.

The logos were judged according to the level of creativity, whether the logo represented young leadership in the CNMI and professionalism, whether the design would cohesively match the current Saipan Chamber of Commerce logo, and whether they felt that the logo represented the committee.

In second place is Annika Matias of Saipan Southern High School, third is Enrico Del Rosario of Mount Carmel School, while Verijeane Mangubat of Marianas High School and Fritz Gerald Trinidad of Marianas Baptist Academy placed fourth and fifth place.

Winners received \$300, \$200, and \$100 along with gift packages.



CNMI Tourism Ambassador to celebrate 7th anniversary

Led by CNMI tourism ambassador Chiaki Nagumo, Network Japan will be celebrating its 7th anniversary with their annual memorial service on Sunday, June 7, at the Last Command Post in Marpi.

The memorial service, which will be from 9am to 10am, will be preceded by a dinner celebration the night before.

Nagumo said that Japan Consul Hitoshi Kikuchi, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, and representatives from the CNMI Japanese Society will be attending.

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, in an interview on Tuesday, said he will attend the ceremony to strengthen Saipan’s

partnership with Japan.

“I will be making brief remarks as requested by Nagumo,” Apatang said.

The group works with celebrities and media in Japan and there will be 40 to 50 people attending, according to Saipan Mayor’s Office executive assistant Yuki Kishimoto.

Nagumo, along with actors and actresses from Japan, have been to Saipan over the years, conducting shoots, productions, and peace memorials.

“I invite the public to join in the peace memorial and honor those that passed from World War II and continue our long bond and relationship with Japan,” Apatang said. (Jayson Camacho)

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Group off to Singapore to learn about integrated resorts

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To have a better understanding and experience what an integrated resort is all about, more than 10 local residents will be flying to Singapore this Friday, courtesy of Saipan exclusive casino licensee Best Sunshine Int., Ltd.

The trip is expected to help

residents learn and be familiar with the integrated resort industry that Best Sunshine is bringing to the CNMI.

Best Sunshine, with its 40-year casino license agreement with the CNMI, promises to build a \$7.1-billion integrated casino resort on Saipan, and recently inked a deal with CNMI officials on an amended casino agreement al-

lowing the company to construct a live-training facility at the T Galleria in Garapan.

Local residents had the chance to join the Singapore trip by submitting a one-page essay on why he/she is interested and what he/she expects from participating in the contest. The contest, called "Integrated Resort Fact Finding Contest," was

marketed and coordinated by TV show *John Gonzales Live*.

"Basically it's an educational fact-finding trip to allow local residents to see, learn, and experience for themselves integrated resorts—just like a familiarization tour or FAM tour," show host John Oliver Gonzales said.

The group will also look at what the integrated resort industry

does and its impact on social and economic livelihoods of people.

"They will interact with various sectors of integrated resorts, including consumers, local residents, visitors, clients, management and staff, regulatory institutions, law enforcement, and compile their facts and findings to frame their perspectives independently and voluntarily,"

Gonzales said.

They will return on Wednesday, June 10, and will appear on the *John Gonzales Live* show to personally share what they saw, experienced, and learned from the trip.

The group's accommodations will be paid for by Best Sunshine, including airfare, hotel stay, and amenities, among others.



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TREASURY

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FinCEN Director Jennifer Shasky Calvery determined that Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, failed to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program to ensure ongoing compliance with the Bank Secrecy Act.

When asked to comment, Tinian Dynasty general manager Christopher Bishop told *Saipan Tribune* that he learned about it only yesterday morning and that they have no comment.

Bishop said he already discussed the matter with their counsel, Bruce Berline.

Hong Kong Entertainment is

facing criminal charges on the same issue. The trial will commence on Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Bishop also refused to comment when asked how the \$75 million fine will affect the trial.

In a statement yesterday, Calvery said that Tinian Dynasty didn't just fail to file a few reports but the casino operated for years without an anti-money laundering program in place.

Calvery said Tinian Dynasty failed to file thousands of currency transaction reports, or CTRs, and its management willfully facilitated suspicious transactions and even provided helpful hints for skirting and avoiding the laws in the U.S. and overseas.

"Tinian Dynasty's actions presented a real threat to the

financial integrity of the region and the U.S. financial system," the director said.

FinCEN has the authority to investigate casinos for compliance with and violation of the Bank Secrecy Act, or BSA.

In her determinations yesterday, Calvery said Tinian Dynasty willfully violated the BSA's program and reporting requirements from 2008 up to the present.

Calvery said Tinian Dynasty failed to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program, failed to report transactions involving currency in amounts greater than \$10,000, and failed to detect and adequately report suspicious activities and transactions in a timely manner.

The BSA and its implement-

ing regulations require casinos to develop and implement written anti-money laundering programs that are designed to assure and monitor compliance with the BSA.

Calvery said no member of the Tinian Dynasty staff was delegated responsibility for day-to-day compliance with the BSA, and the casino failed to develop and implement policies, procedures, and internal controls to ensure compliance with the BSA.

She noted that Tinian Dynasty never conducted any independent testing of the casino's systems to ensure compliance and did not have sufficient procedures in place to detect or report suspicious transactions.

Further, the director said,

casino personnel were not trained in BSA recordkeeping requirements or in identifying, monitoring, and reporting suspicious activity.

She said Tinian Dynasty's failure to develop and implement an anti-money laundering program contributed to its willful failure to file CTRs at the request of undercover Internal Revenue Service agents posing as Russian businessmen.

Calvery pointed out that the casino's failure to develop and implement an anti-money laundering compliance program also contributed to its willful failure to file CTRs on other transactions for nearly four years.

Calvery cited that during an April 29, 2013, search

conducted at Tinian Dynasty, law enforcement agents discovered a stack of more than 2,000 unfiled CTRs.

When asked about these CTRs, Calvery said, the casino's chief auditor advised that he assumed that filing them was a low priority because nobody ever noticed that they were not being filed.

Calvery said from at least May 3, 2012, through March 4, 2013, Tinian Dynasty engaged in a pattern of accommodating gamblers who desired to conduct transactions with large amounts of cash without the casino reporting their transactions.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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choose to attend the trip.

"Most of their schedules will not permit them to attend," Hocog said.

Hocog said he does see the advantage of attending a trip to an integrated resort because there never has been one on the CNMI.

But to remove questions on ethics, Hocog said lawmakers must make sure the expenses will come out of their own accounts.

Hocog confirmed that the invitation was extended to CNMI lawmakers for the trip, which is scheduled today until Wednesday next week.

He said Best Sunshine International, Ltd. did not directly

extend the invitation. "But I wish Best Sunshine will involve more of our community members, so they can see what an integrated resort looks like."

House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) also said there was an invitation, but nobody from the House of Representatives will be attending.

The House of Representatives yesterday held a session on Tinian, which will be followed by a public hearing on the budget of the Tinian Mayor's Office today.

Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan) said he did not get the invitation directly but was informed about it by another colleague.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) posted a status on his

social media page saying that a colleague also invited him to attend the trip. He dismissed the invitation and stated that he hopes "it is a joke."

Familiarization trip

John Gonzales, talk show host and event organizer for the Singapore trip, confirmed that he did extend the invitation to CNMI leaders on Capital Hill.

In an interview, he said he has not gotten any response yet from CNMI officials.

"This is a purely educational and familiarization trip. Nothing more, nothing less," Gonzales said.

He said he discussed the trip with Best Sunshine, in which the latter agreed to pitch in.

Gonzales said his company

and BSI agreed to conduct the familiarization and educational trip and extend it to the CNMI community by having a select group of residents join the tour.

He said parts of the tour are trips to Marina Bay Sands and Resort World Sentosa, an integrated resort in Singapore with casino facilities.

The two resorts are arguably the "world's premier integrated resorts," he said.

OPA warning

The Office of the Public Auditor, meanwhile, released an advisory opinion answering a query on the CNMI Government Ethics Code Act of 1992.

The OPA said on June 2, it received a request for the ad-

visory opinion.

"The fact pattern as presented to OPA involves an invitation by a person either 'contracted by or funded by' a large corporate entity that does business in the CNMI in an emerging field that is heavily regulated by both statute and administrative regulation," the OPA said.

According to the inquiry, "this invitation was extended to the member of the CNMI Legislature, both House and Senate."

This invitation was to "join [the inviting person] and his group to go to Singapore to explore integrated resorts, their makeup, operation, and benefit."

The OPA said "the facts presented would constitute clear and unambiguous violation of

the Ethics Act by any member of the Legislature that accepted the invitation as proffered."

The OPA cited CNMI law stating that "a public official shall not solicit or accept anything of value, or the promise of anything of value, from a person regulated by the government entity that the public official serves."

"In conclusion, it is the opinion of OPA that acceptance of the invitation as described would constitute a violation of the Ethics Act and expose any persons so accepting to potential criminal and civil liability," the OPA advisory said.

George Hasselback, director of investigations, investigations division of the OPA signed the advisory opinion.

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up on both Saipan and Tinian. With a planned casino resort going up and several major hotel constructions in the pipeline, there is not enough number of skilled workers that will be needed for all these projects.

The biggest question is: Where will all the workers that are going to be needed come from?

The Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and Northern Marianas Technical Institute have pushed their CW fee funds into programs designed to train locals for the workforce, but both labor and education officials have stressed recently the lack of resources to meet such targets.

For one, Northern Marianas College dean David Attao projected that they will need more than \$68.8 million this year for the college to train and replace skilled workers in key "job zones" as described by the CNMI Commerce Department in 2012.

"We do not see a solution in sight in short of getting as many people trained, educated and moving through the system here with the workforce development," Sablan said on Wednesday.

"...We need to have a game

plan in place. I believe we have a game plan but we're going to be short," he told the business community.

Sablan, in the Chamber's newsletter, further stated that the dilemma is that most of the funding for training is coming from the U.S. federal government.

He was referring to the annual \$150 fee charged for every non-immigrant worker employed by businesses in the CNMI.

"The cost of educating, training, and certifying our people for the workforce cannot be borne on federal dollars alone," he wrote.

The fee

CNMI Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero echoed Sablan's concern in a recent interview, saying the \$150 fee is "not enough."

"When you look at the data of what [funds] we get—and you plan out for training, for [workforce] transition—there's no way that \$150 is going to train or be sufficient enough to train, let's say, 900 workers in a profession like carpentry. We can do the math," Guerrero said.

Guerrero raised this question: Who arrived at the \$150 amount and decided that it was sufficient to develop the CNMI's workforce?

"We are responding to the call of transition because we are doing everything that we're doing

now. But are we going to get there to really transition out, totally, 100 percent? It's not going to be possible," Guerrero said.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, responding to questions on Labor concerns, explained that the reasons why CW funds are not enough is because there are not enough contract worker holders or workers allowed in the CNMI.

"The reason why funds are not enough is because we don't have enough CWs. You see the \$150 is per CW worker. If the total of CW fees are not enough, then we will bring in more CW worker so that more payments will be made," he said.

How fees are used

According to the information provided by Labor and gathered from CNMI educational institutions, CW fee expenditures go largely to salaries as well as critical supportive materials and utilities.

The Public School System spends every year in excess of \$500,000—the allocated CW amount given to them—just for their vocational programs program salaries and benefits.

For this past school year, PSS has shared with Labor that they spend over \$800,000 from their Consolidated Education grant for their Cooperative Education program, \$200,000 for the "Career and Technical Education, or CTE supplies, and use their \$500,00

from CW funds for CTE salaries.

According to a Cooperative Education report for fiscal year 2014, PSS placed 126 student in the private sector and 52 students in the private sector.

PSS expanded their Co-Op program this year to see a 200-percent increase in student enrollment in the first semester this year, or some 300 students.

NMC spent a tad shy under \$500,000 for fiscal year 2014, or some \$496,384.

In the CW report for fiscal year 2014, the college describes expenses for key workforce personnel, for servicing over 223 people in "soft skills" workforce development programs, for 13 students who completed an on-the-job trainee program, a carpentry workshop, and for their nursing, business, and education programs, among other related expenses.

About \$280,386 was for salaries and benefits. About \$129,703 was spent on contractual services for their NMC Community Development Institute. About \$40,316 went to "other" expenditures, or training and development fees, membership and dues, and utilities expenses for Tinian campus. A total of \$31,853 of this was for the Tinian campus utilities.

The college also spent about \$28,000 for supplies and student stipends and wages.

About \$17,597 was spent for

travel and professional development.

For fiscal year 2014, the college spent a little over \$122,000 for salaries and benefits, about \$178,000 for contractual services, about \$173,000 for utilities, and the rest for travel, supplies, student, and other expenses.

NMTI, according to the most recent data provided to Labor as of May 2014, reported a total grant amount of \$400,000 reduced to \$311,476 after unspecified expenditures on personnel, benefits, and all other account.

This \$311,476 was broken down into \$111,612 for salaries and benefits, and \$54,925 for instructors, \$55,200 for professional fees, about \$19,926 for operations supplies, \$14,080 for repairs and maintenance, \$8,339 for travel and mileage reimbursement, and the rest for printing and office, fuel, printing, communications, and other expenses.

NMTI also reported rent costs to the Department of Public Lands for \$34,557.

NMTI deploys hotel and restaurant operations, auto mechanics, and construction trades programs.

Right now, NMTI is collaborating with Kagman High School to offer auto mechanics and hotel operations at the high school as a pilot project.

According to NMIT, they are communicating with Saipan

high schools in their aim to offer at least three to four different trades programs in all of the island's three public high schools by school year 2015-2016.

Working together

Tan Holdings president Jerry Tan expressed the need for the public and private sector to work harder together to address the labor shortage.

Considering the economic growth over the last 18 months, he said, there is almost a 10-percent growth in tourist arrivals. He also called "encouraging news" the arrival of more investors opening various-sized businesses.

"But as the economy continues to grow, the labor requirement also increases," he added. "So it's safe to say that the need for foreign workers in the CNMI will continue, especially when the economy continues to expand," he said, also noting Saipan's "very small population base."

"We have to do more for our high school graduates. Those that choose to continue higher education, those that are not going into the military, [those that] decide to stay home on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," he said.

"We need to recognize that every year there are hundreds of high school grads that may be looking for jobs but may not be ready experience-wise, skill-wise," he said.

Yamagishi OK'd for release but with strict conditions

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy yesterday ordered the pre-trial release of former U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer Bob Hajime DeLeon Guerrero Yamagishi—but with strict conditions.

Yamagishi was indicted on 37 counts of wire fraud and was arrested last week.

M/V Luta arrival faces delay

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The arrival of M/V *Luta* in the CNMI is expected to be delayed because of a few more modifications being done on the vessel.

According to Senate President Victor C. Hocog (Ind-Rota), a boom crane has just been installed on the vessel, as required by the U.S. Coast Guard. A rescue boat has also been placed on the ship's deck, in addition to four rafts.

"There is already a delay, but the ship has undergone 99 percent certification, particularly for the boom crane," Hocog said.

According to Hocog, the crane is required by the U.S. Coast Guard because the ship will carry 18 to 20 passengers.

Hocog said he has yet to directly contact M/V *Luta* and no date has been determined on the ship's arrival.

The trip from the U.S. mainland to the CNMI is estimated to take from "30 to 40 days" depending on weather conditions.

In early April, a christening was held for M/V *Luta*. It was expected that the ship will then

Kennedy required Yamagishi to submit to substance abuse testing, observe a 6pm to 9am curfew, no consumption and possession of alcohol and controlled substance, no possession of a gun, and to stay away from gambling or poker places.

The magistrate judge also granted U.S. Probation officer Margarita Wonenberg's recommendation to install a location-monitoring device to check Yamagishi's movement.

proceed to set sail for the CNMI a few days after the christening.

Lawmakers said the ship will have a significant economic impact in the Commonwealth as the first roll on/roll off vessel that can carry cargo, multiple vehicles, and passengers to and from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The 165-foot vessel can carry 20 passengers and 30 20-foot container vans.

M/V *Luta* will most probably dock at Rota's West Harbor. As of the moment, business details such as passenger fares and cargo fees have not been disclosed and it will be up to the operator to set the fees.

The vessel, after getting the clearance from the U.S. Coast Guard, will need to secure clearance from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and Customs Border Protection once it lands in the CNMI.

Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig earlier said M/V *Luta* will have an impact on Rota, as it is expected to help the island's tourism and business sectors.

According to Atalig, one of the immediate impacts will be the lowering of ferry fares and transport cost of goods.

Kennedy also required Yamagishi, among other conditions, to refrain from having contact with his cousin, who is allegedly a bad influence to him.

Kennedy noted that the prosecution originally asked for Yamagishi's continued detention pending trial but later agreed for pre-trial release subject to conditions because of issues of gambling and methamphetamine addiction.

The judge said the best for Yamagishi is supervised release pending trial so he can undergo

drug treatment.

"You have to take that seriously," Kennedy told the defendant.

The judge reminded Yamagishi that if he violates the conditions, he will be arrested again and possibly face other charges.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorring appeared for the U.S. government, Attorney Janet H. King is court-appointed counsel for Yamagishi.

The trial will begin on Aug. 3, 2015.

According to the indictment,

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between July 5 and Aug. 20, 2014, Yamagishi, while a CBP officer, allegedly used his travel cash card in two stores on Saipan to obtain cash or other property and then used the cash to gamble or buy drugs.

CBP Internal Affairs special agent Brian Kawabata stated that Yamagishi is suicidal, hooked on gambling, can't control his addiction to "ice," and even attempted to become a drug supplier.

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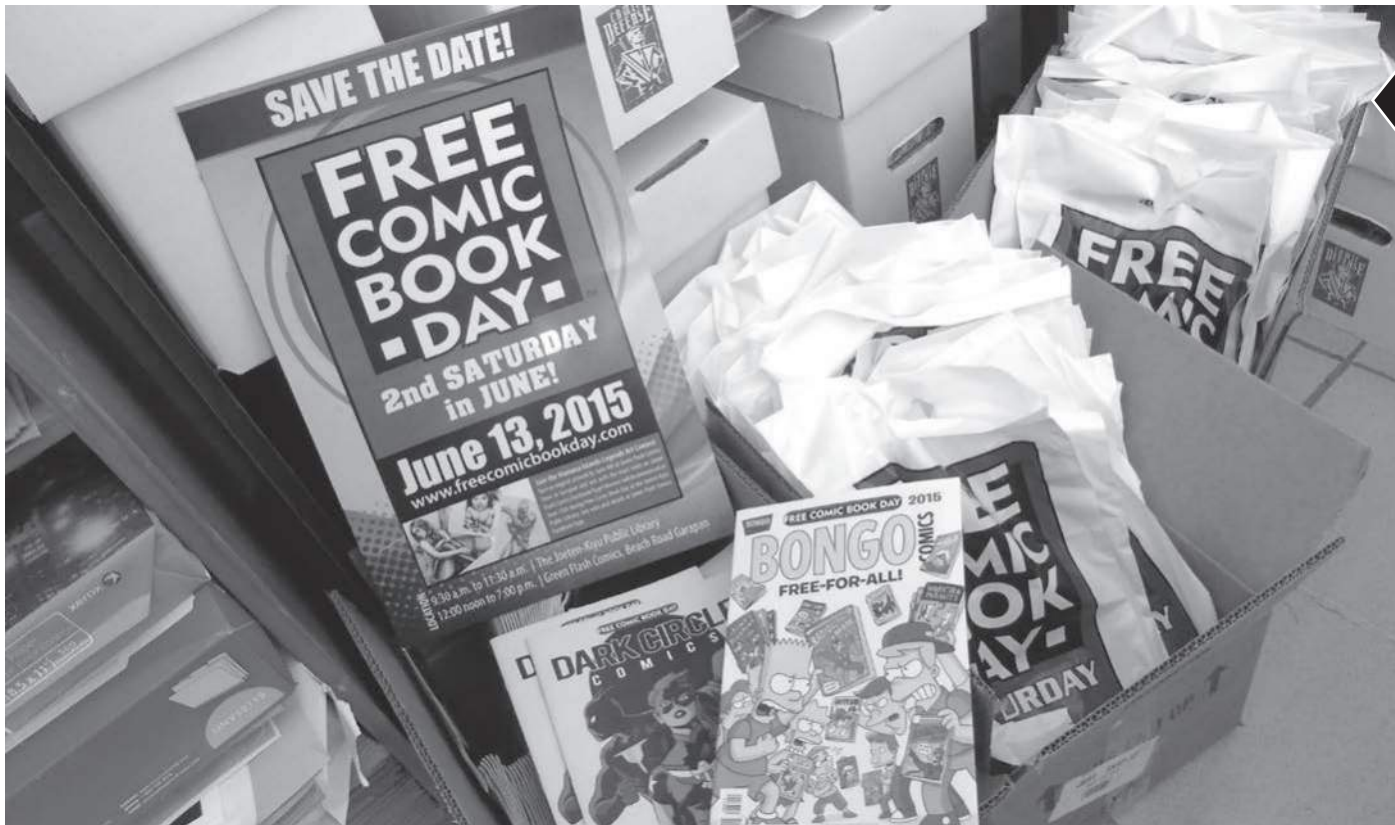
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FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Over a thousand comic books will be given away as Saipan celebrates Free Comic Book Day next Saturday, June 13. The event, as well as announcement of winners for the art contest and cosplay will be held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in the morning and will continue at the Green Flash Comics store in Garapan.

Free comic books, art and cosplay contests to be held

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A Free Comic Book Day and art and cosplay contests will be held by Green Flash Comics in cooperation with the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library next Saturday, June 13.

According to owner Glenn Keaton, the comic store received more than a thousand comic books to be given away this year.

"The wide array of comic books being published today ensures that reader of all ages—children, teens, and adults—can find something appropriate that will stir their imagination," Keaton said.

Free Comic Book Day is celebrated in comic book shops around the world, usually on the first Saturday of May. But because of shipping delays, it will be celebrated on the second Saturday of June on Saipan.

At least two or three comic books may be given to each person.

"Last year we had about 500 people," Keaton said.

Over 4.6 million comic books are given away by participating stores with the hope of introducing the industry and the art to as many people as possible.

Those who wish to get free comic books should drop by the public library in Susupe from 9:30am to 11:30am or the Green Flash Comics on Beach Road, Garapan from 12pm to 7pm.

"We're going to be here in the afternoon, so if you missed it in the morning, you can come here," Keaton said.

Art contest

Aside from the free comics, a Mariana Islands Legends art contest is also being held.

Participants may submit original artworks in whatever style they wish, provided that they contain one or more of the themes: Chief Taga, Son of Taga, and Mermaid Serena. It must be hand-drawn on a paper no larger than 8.5 by 11.5 inches.

Deadline for submission is tomorrow, June 6, and must be given in person to the Green Flash Comics store. Entries will be posted online for community voting and winners will be announced on June 13.

"The last day of submission is Saturday, 7pm. When we close, it's got to be in here, that's the deadline," Keaton reminded the public, adding that participants waited until the last minute last year to submit.

Cosplay

A cosplay contest will also be held next week at the public library. Last year, around 15 persons participated in the event.

"This year, some have been waiting so I think we'll have more. We did it last year so we're doing it again this year," Keaton said.

There will be a division for kids, teens, and adults. Initial prizes to be given away are gift certificates from National Office Supply and bags of special comic books. Tan Holdings will also be sponsoring some of the prizes as well.

'Run for Nepal' tomorrow

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The Nepalese Community of Saipan, in partnership with the Saipan Young Professionals Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, will be holding a "run for a cause" fundraising event tomorrow.

"Run For Nepal" is a 5K run from the Garapan Public Market (Garapan Fishing Base across Kristo Rai Church) to the former Hakubotan building in San Jose and back. A \$10 registration fee is required to join the event.

Community members, students, and families are encouraged to join as the funds from the event will go directly to the survivors of the recent Nepal earthquake, through the Nepalese community of Saipan.

"This is a very worthy

cause that we are proud to stand behind," says SYP chair Mable Ayuyu and co-chair Bobby Cruz.

Prior to the run, a moment of silence will be observed to honor those who perished and who are still suffering because of the devastating earthquakes in Nepal.

Registration forms are available at Java Joe's in Dandan. Participants can also register tomorrow at the venue starting at 5:30am.

Prizes will be given away to the Top 3 finishers.

Those who would like to participate, volunteer, or donate to this cause may contact Mahesh Thapa, president for the Nepalese Community of Saipan at thapamahesh2002@yahoo.com, Raj Kumar Rai at rajraijuly3@gmail.com or Mable Ayuyu at natalicayuyu@gmail.com.

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Fellows meet with Alternative Education students

The inaugural class of Pacific Century Fellows Marianas Chapter Class of 2014 visited students of the CNMI Public School System Alternative Edu-

cation Program on May 13.

The fellows are participating in a pilot program in collaboration with the Alternative Education Program as their first ser-

vice project, which is focused on changing the odds for at-risk high school students.

"The Alternative Education Program structures are

designed to provide students with supportive accountability. The program is successful, however, if the students were to build relationships

with successful community stakeholders who are willing to invest their time to listen and take an interest in the lives of these phenomenally talented student, the supportive accountability fostered by the Alternative Education Program would extend beyond the classroom walls," says one fellow, Bobby Cruz.

Alternative Education Program director Felicia Brel shared that the program is in need of community mentors or positive role models outside of the classroom setting. Fellows will serve as support systems for the Alternative Education students.

"While these youth are often viewed through the lens of likely future costs of our community, they also embody enormous unrealized potential and suc-

cess. Our fellows hope to serve as a positive catalyst to mentor these young people," says fellow, Alfreda Camacho.

Since 2010, the Alternative Education Program of the school district has been designed as intervention for at-risk learners. While the short-term goal of the program is to meet the needs of these students, it is about ensuring that these students successfully complete their high school education and are college- and career-ready.

The goal of this initial meeting is to break the ice and establish trust. "It was a privilege to be invited to their home which is how many of the students regard the Alternative Education building...it's a safe space in which they feel valued and supported," says another fellow, Leo Pangelinan. (PR)

CIC checks on their clients on Rota after typhoon

Century Insurance Corp. recently visited its clients on Rota to check up on them and implement its latest initiative called CIC Risk Management Solutions.

CIC Saipan general manager Gol Corpuz met with, among other clients, Julian and Lydia Calvo at their home and made sure that they were okay in the wake of Typhoon Dolphin, which hit the islands in mid-May.

The CIC visit, which took place on May 25, 2015, had them going to Songsong Village, Sinapalo 1 to 3, Teneto



CIC representative Gol Corpuz poses with Julian Calvo at the latter's home on Rota.

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Julian and Lydia Calvo at their home on Rota.

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Village, and Sabana Mountain.

Corpuz said the visit was part of their CIC Risk Management Solutions, which anticipates the needs of their clients.

"CIC's visit of its clientele on Rota signifies its commitment the ensuring the safety of the public, especially in times of calamity like typhoon," Corpuz said. "CIC wants to make sure that its [clients] on Rota are assisted properly and timely.

He reported that most of the

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Aldan, Kia'aina meet to discuss Pagan

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U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina and Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan met over lunch to discuss Pagan before she left for Guam Tuesday. It was Kia'aina's first time to meet Aldan.

Office of Insular Affairs staff and Jim Richardson of the American Memorial Park-National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior accompanied Kia'aina at the meeting with Aldan.

Aldan was accompanied by consultant and former lawmak-

er William Torres.

Kia'aina shared with Aldan OIA's assistance in the resettlement of the natives of Rongolap Atoll in the Marshall Islands, wherein her office provided technical assistance in aquaculture caged fishing project.

"The assistant secretary was interested in learning about the Northern Islands resettlement and redevelopment plans," Aldan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Aldan also discussed with Kia'aina the Northern Islands First Northern Islands Frontier Summit held in 2012, and presented the OIA official with a copy of the Northern Frontier Socio-Economic Development



U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina meets with Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan yesterday for a briefing on Pagan.

Plan. The mayor also shared his recent consultation with the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation on the establishment of a free trade zone under Public Law 18-16.

The mayor informed Kia'aina

of NIMO's agriculture and aquaculture master plans for the islands, including the Pagan Fishing Community that kicks off this month with 18 people who relocated to the Northern Islands earlier this month.

"Kia'aina was thrilled with the scope and breadth of our strategic plans that was way ahead of its time before the advent of live fire bombing proposal," he said.

Kia'aina was also interested in the agriculture and village

homestead program. The mayor told Kia'aina that claimants have long filed their application in accordance with applicable laws and are waiting for the issuance of their homestead permits from the Department of Public Lands.

While permits for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have long been issued, Aldan said the long-awaited permits for residents of the Northern Islands have not been issued for no reason whatsoever.

Kia'aina was curious about the lack of progress over homesteads and wondered whether this has any bearings on the volcanic activity in the Northern Islands.

Aldan said there is already an evacuation plan and that resettlement and redevelopment are compatible with the natural condition in the Northern Islands, being in the ring of fire, using the recent eruption in Japan as an example of how people and nature could co-exist.

Although Aldan said that Kia'aina was mainly interested to learn more about Pagan Island, Aldan was clear in his sentiments against live-fire bombing on the island.

Aldan said that one day the Northern Islands will be supporting the entire CNMI from revenues generated from pozzolan deposits that require removal to make more arable land available.

Aldan said that Kia'aina is sensitive to the issues facing the natives considering she was born and raised in Guam and is a native Hawaiian with vast experience dealing with Pacific regional issues, concerns, and priorities.

The meeting also touched on communication and the accessibility of Pagan Island through an Internet connection in 2013 but this was abruptly terminated last year due to maintenance cost.

"I remain hopeful we would be given what Northern Islands deserve for its socio-economic programs," he said.

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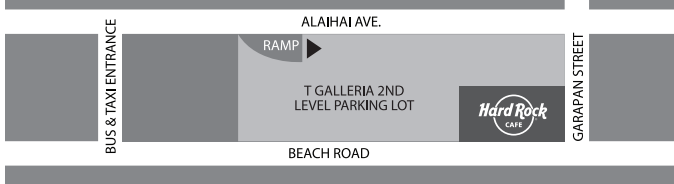
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How higher education gets lower all the time

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We've been going through graduation season, that time of year when students at colleges and universities are finally saying goodbye to all of that—the crushing tuition costs, too many courses of ever less value, curbs on publicly expressed views and professors whose political diversity is next to nil.

That's a small part of the story. The other half, or at least part of the other half, is what the students face when they are on their own, such as a student-loan debt burden that could keep shoving them to their knees for years to come.

Yes, there is still plenty of excellence in our institutions of higher education, and not all of them are equally amiss. The issue is that major players have been engaged in a dangerous game with scary consequences, not the least of these being politicians whose supposedly beneficent student loan program meant that universities could charge just about any tuition they chose and still get endless knocks on the door.

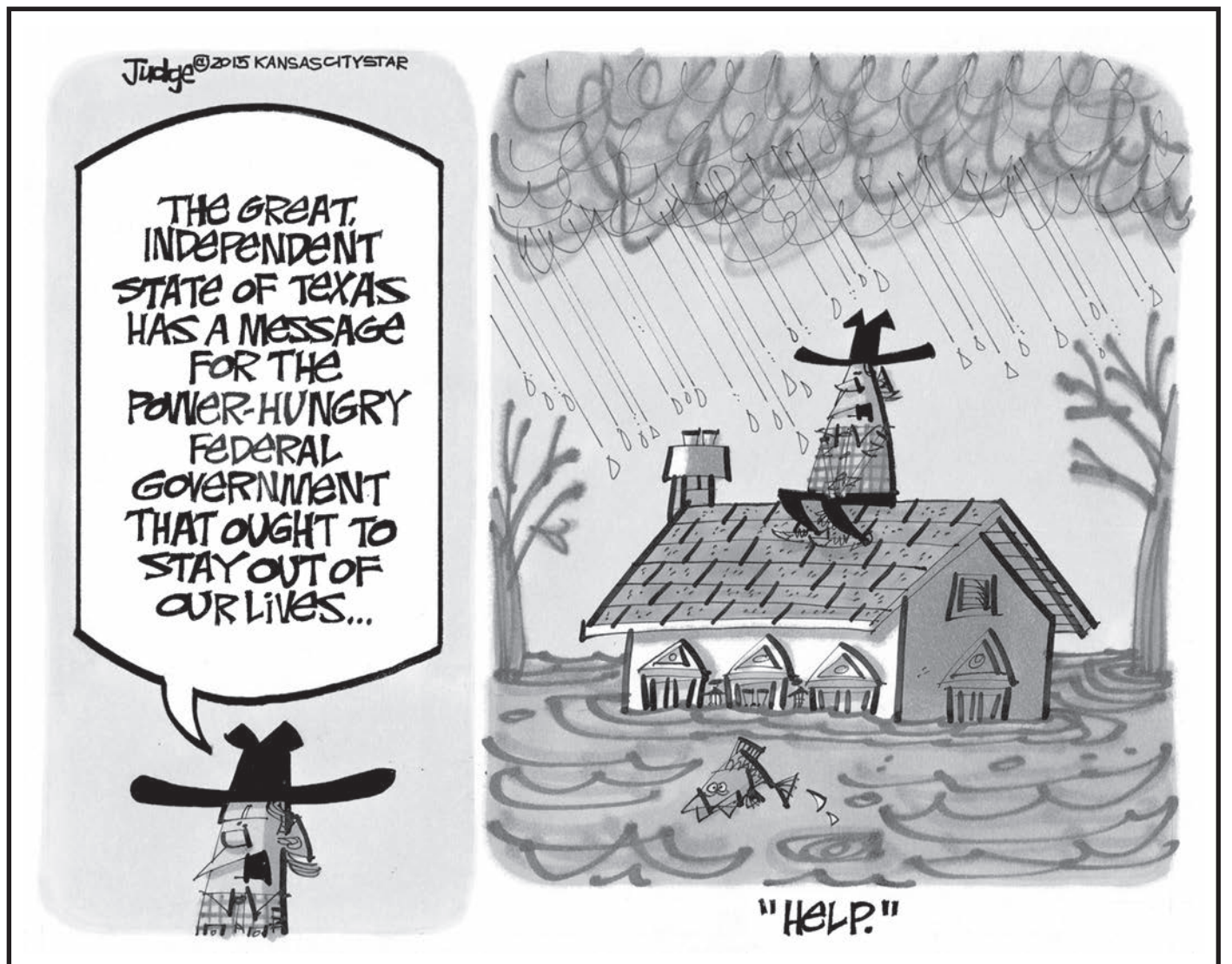
Guess what? The consequence was inflation as some other major players—administrators who saw their numbers and salaries go way the heck up—did all they could to attract ever more students, even to the point of lowering academic standards to get them on board. It was a goal that also appealed to many politicians who argued it would bring us ever closer to equality.

The truth is that many of these students were being cheated. Their talents and passions lay elsewhere, and the right skills could have gotten them pay comparable to that of college graduates. It has taken many of these less qualified students far longer to get their degrees than the four years that used to be usual, and many have flunked out, even as they still owe money on their loans. The move to reduce standards also led to less challenging coursework, according to some. And that brings us to other major players: faculty members.

They are often exceptionally bright people, if too often people also caught up in ideologically unbending, sometimes extreme points of view that usually veer to the left politically, but also range from postmodernist relativism to its near opposite: the absolutist belief that science is the only possible way of knowing anything.

Because of the scientism, we have the bad joke of professors robbing literature of its majesty through hard-science analyses of a ludicrously inappropriate caliber. Because of the political views of professors and administrators, we have identity-based courses that can get more attention than important core curricula. One example of what is not being sufficiently taught comes from a study showing how seniors at top schools are abysmally ignorant of American history.

Other major players are the students themselves, who, it is widely reported, contribute to the atmosphere with their own relativism that no doubt is one explanation of the so-called hookup culture. Most schools sit more or less on the sidelines, although then in some cases expelling young men accused of rape with few of the ordinary rights of self-defense. Universities are not big on the right of free speech either. Did you hear about the student who had to stop passing out copies of the Constitution on Constitution Day because he had not signed up earlier to do it at the

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Joseph Robinette 'Beau' Biden III

The eldest son of the Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden, died last week of brain cancer at the age of 46. He nominated his Dad at the Democratic Convention in 2008, was elected Delaware's attorney general for two terms, and had declared a run for the Governor's Office in 2016. His memorial service has no less than President Barack Obama giving the eulogy.

Beau was short of the U.S. life expectancy of 79 years—76 for males and 81 for females. The statistical figure is no comfort. But the Asian-American male in Hawaii, which has the highest life expectancy among the states in the U.S., is 82, up by one on the state average of 81 of all ethnic groups. Never mind that Asian-American itself is a nebulous identity but the figure is two years over the average in number 1 Japan that has an average longevity at 84, with the male lasting 'til 80 and the female 'til 87. Japan loves its veggies and I aim to last 'til I am 86.

Twenty years ago, I went for 70, higher than the life expectancy of pork-eating Pinoys, but now the longevity average is at 69, 65 for the male and 72 for the female. I tacked in a few more years on mine. China has 75 average with 74 for the male and 77 for the female.

Of Philippine DNA descent, a resident of China but with a Hawaii driver license, I cross immigration lines with a U.S. passport, my 86-year-long lifetime projection is optimistic compared to those of the Philippines, China, and the United States.

The symptoms of Beau's condition included headaches, numbness, and paralysis. Ten years ago, I was alarmed at the frequency of stomach cramping that was so awful that I drove myself to the ER at CHC one early morn to see if they could determine what was the matter with my physiology. I was told to go see a doctor. Duh! I thought that was what I was at the hospital for!

CHC reportedly do not hire Filipino MDs and are always short of Canada-originating medics, but it refers serious cases to Manila. Go figure!

Father resigned to take permanent residency at Oahu's Mili-lani Memorial in 2005. From Saipan, I took to the shores of the *alii aimuko* who navigated waters with stars, winds and waves for guide. I was hit by cramps again so I was rushed to West Francis where a German MD put me under anesthesia and took out my gall bladder; at the same time Mama and my siblings interred Dad by their lonesome.

The abdominal pains went away. I found out later in Jiangsu west of Shanghai that I did not have to go under the scalpel. Certain juices dissolve the bile overflow. Now the cramps moved to the calves. Semi-sedentary lifestyle on Saipan now has charley horse frequency on the rise, occurring in the early morning hours. Muscle numbness rises beyond the irritating pains of rheumatoid arthritis.

By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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So Beau's sudden departure ("celebrating the completion of his journey" is my phrase) found echoes in my reflections of my body state. He was ill, and I still ail.

Refined sugar and liquid spirit is the blight of Pacific islanders. I watch broad butts and bloated feet among diabetes-prone colleagues. In Majuro of the early '80s, I became aware of radiation effects as well. A man walking ahead of me collapsed. Rogue atoms worked like laser beams on his innards. Bikini became more than just the term for a two-piece swimsuit! With Eniwetok, they were sites of a decade-long experiment in exploding atomic materials. The *Cactus Dome* at Runit on the southern end of the Ralik Chain is dump for radioactive material.

If refined sugar and alcohol caused havoc on Pacific islanders' health, cancer is its global equivalent. We take for granted plastic toxicity in our microwaves to warm up food. We do not intend to diminish with casualness the Biden family's mourning over Beau's demise. We point out that many of what ails us are run-of-the-mill results of attempts to make life easier with a quick fix.

Death at any time is not easy to handle. The stillness that accompanies its observance involves shedding of tears and sobs. With VP Joe Biden's son, the incidence of death is a heartbreak that knows no political party coloration.

Autism accompanies the path of my family, and though death is not common, walking differently-abled are. The toxic infusion into our food chain, the heavy preservatives in medicines we take, and the propensity to grab a pill at the first instance of pain, hurries body metabolism beyond normal capacity.

Direct correlation is hard to ascribe but my two children, now 23 and 20 years old, who will never call me other than coldly as simply "father," had mercury pumped into their system 20 times more than normal as toddlers. Warmth is not a quality of their ASD make-up.

The euphemism of "passing" socially employed in lieu of "death" indicates a reluctance to deal with the face of reality. The facticity attendant to Beau's demise is refreshing. We are all headed in the same direction. Ability to manage its eventuality is a gift of human perspicacity.

Beau occasions our thoughts on an unpopular state even on oblivion.

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The right, wrong clock

In 1973, New Orleans blues-rockers Dr. John hit the charts singing about being in the right place at the wrong time.

In 2015, I rediscovered that gig. No, I didn't buy an oldies CD. I bought an alarm clock. It wasn't a genuine oldie, but something out of synch with the times, an analog timekeeper that was battery-powered instead of wind-up driven. It's an anachronism in today's do-all smartphone age.

And when it comes to the wrong time, well, this clock knows more about it than Dr. John. The thing loses 10 minutes every day.

Even though it's the wrong time, it's the right clock. Well, for me, at least. I find it symbolic of the difference between the old ways and the new ways.

So, while the clock is slow and feeble-minded, it soaks up a lot less time and attention than the fancy apps on my phone or tablet computer do. Things that used to be so simple seem to take so much more attention these days.

I listed some of the things I like about my timekeeper that can't keep time, because once a streak of curmudgeonly atavism gets rolling, I don't want to stop it. So here are some items:

It's easy to read. I can just glance at it; I don't have to touch the thing, much less manipulate it.

It's easy to set. Takes just a few seconds, even accounting for the fact I have to bump the time forward by 10 minutes every day.

You can't set the alarm for the wrong day. It doesn't have a wrong day! Unlike many phone or computer apps, it doesn't care what day it is. This clock doesn't think it's a calendar. It knows it's a clock.

It doesn't care what time zone it's in. It doesn't think it's an air-

plane. Or a satellite. It still knows it's a clock.

The alarm is easy to turn on. You can do that by mere feel.

The alarm is easy to turn off. You can do that by mere feel, too.

It's easy to tell when the alarm is on. It's easy to tell when the alarm is off. There's no ambiguity.

It doesn't have to be charged. It doesn't need a power cord. It doesn't need a power adaptor. It doesn't care that you forgot to buy a travel converter after you wind up in some strange country that uses 8-prong outlets for its 528-volt, 7-cycle AC power grid. The clock runs off a single AAA-battery, which should last at least a year and takes about five seconds to replace.

And, incidentally, it cost \$1.50. I'm talking about the clock, not the battery. That's a piddling price for a token of defiance in the digital age.

The way I tally the score, the time-keeper that can't keep time still puts me ahead of the game in terms of logistics, ergonomics, and convenience. As for its lack of accuracy, the worst that can happen is that I'll wake up 10 minutes late.

By contrast, just about everyone I know has totally blown through a wake-up time when their fancy electronic devices were set wrong, or configured wrong, or ran out of power, and so on.

Which leads to my big, profound theory, and it's bigger than a mere alarm clock: I'll submit that nominal accuracy, and real-world accuracy, are entirely different things. What constitutes "improvement" seems like a pretty dicey proposition.

For a last word on this, well, it's not too far from the first word. Since we opened up with a look at Dr. John of New Orleans, we

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might as well close with the fictional Travis McGee of Ft. Lauderdale, who, in the 1964 novel *The Deep Blue Good-bye*, noted this:

"I am wary of the whole dreary deadening structured mess we have built into such a glittering top-heavy structure that there is nothing left to see but the glitter, and the brute routines of maintaining it."

Well, there you go. McGee knew more about today a half-century ago than we know about today, today.

Saipan has a few Travis McGee fans. I'm sure a few folks remember Dr. John as well. I don't know how many residents are fans of buck-and-half clocks that can't keep time, but maybe we can gin up some interest there, too, if for nothing else but the retro angle. We could start a club, meet for breakfast, and talk about the good old days.

I'm thinking early December. This will give us plenty of time to spread the word.

We'll schedule breakfast for 7am at Shirley's.

Uh, let's make it 7:10.

Shifting sands of self-government

Since 1978 we walked the path of self-government. It's a new beginning, confident we could march toward economic prosperity. With guaranteed seven-year funding from the feds the wind was on our back as we set sail on our journey.

In 1993 we announced before Congress that we no longer needed grant funds for government operations. We had sufficient locally generated revenues for our needs. It was one bright and proud moment in our developmental history! And the only one too!

Twenty-two years later the NMI government went bankrupt. Would Washington subsidize government operations here that include millions upon millions of dollars for the settlement fund, utilities, and other obligations? Or would it say, "It's your canoe, see if you could navigate it."

Dusk dims as our journey darkens. Would we see our way into dawn? Or have we hardened the view that we've simply cornered the market of ineptitude, performance morphing from wary to scary!

The economic nosedive was triggered by the shutter of the \$2.1-billion apparel industry, dovetailed by the exodus of major Japanese investments for a loss of about \$5 billion to \$7 billion of money that was once recycled locally. We did one thing: turned ourselves into victims of internal blurred visions doing what we do best: Nothing! The least weak-kneed leadership could have done was crow. It didn't though; some slept with the enemy!

Indeed, other investments came in but insufficient to make up for the loss and level of revenue generation the NMI once enjoyed. It goes to show the fragility of island economies when investment is ignored and flushed out the main gate.

Fortunately, there are social safety nets (federally funded programs) that have cushioned the wage and salary stagnancy here for over a decade. Without it, many families would sink deeper into the abyss of abject poverty. With it, it robs our people of their dignity to bring home the bacon. There's the embrace of the combined adoption and adaptation of illusory short gain juggling which crutch is best. It's a Band-Aid approach from A-Z.

We ventured into casino industry just as the PRC ordered Macau to begin working on economic diversification. Is there a lesson in that decision we could review for our purposes and survival beyond persistent fiscal crisis? Casino is likely to become a strong component of the visitor industry but never the mainstay. Its expansion could well meet the lack of hotel rooms here but what good is it when the market contracts, as is currently the case?

The journey has neither been steady nor sturdy. The situation needs real leadership, not consistent disorientation in spectatorship. The challenge requires the power and pride of leadership, a combined ambitious business and political visionaries, technology and science, a definitive parting with yesterday's toxic paradigms that have failed us all these years. Must focus on "wealth and jobs creation," nothing else!

Fostering partnership

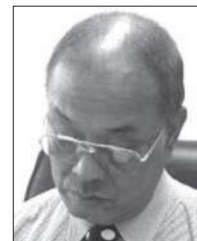
Since the beginning of government jobs after the war, we look at the wellbeing of private industries as though a leper to avoid. There's greater confidence in government jobs than personal industry or rugged individualism. We used to prosper doing the former.

This attitude was slowly cemented. In and out we career where the public sector is and remains dangerously the largest employer here. Recalled how the Navy established small shacks selling various items. It was a demonstration that it is itself a form of income generation for families. But we dismissed it as the "other" person's job or those who never successfully matriculated into government posts. But this vacuous antic must change!

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Unless both sectors could converge or meet and trump its collective cards, nothing much would happen in moving the needle of growth forward. It remains an attitude of unsolicited alienation of private industries versus the local government. It has to evolve into a lifetime partnership. This partnership happens fluidly in the most successful economies worldwide.

The two sides must work on a complementary basis. If private industries sink, there's less money for direly needed funds for public services. With this it must be understood that government is never in the business of turning in a profit. Thus it is imperative that both sides meet on a timely basis to review policy issues. It would also require a genuine set of plans so that everybody's on the same page. Without it then it's all ad hoc basis. In other words we fail to Plan For but Plan By what happens today. Not a very thoughtful mindset, planning the future of the NMI. Definitely, someone would have to break the invisible ice so meaningful discussion may begin in the near-term. We can't continue doing what we do best: Nothing!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarification on grossly misleading story

The *Saipan Tribune* yesterday published a grossly misleading story about the District Court's action in Dr. Ramsey's lawsuit against Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muña and others. The headline on the top of page 6 reads, "6 out of 10 claims in Dr. Ramsey's lawsuit dismissed." This is utterly false.

Only two causes of action were dismissed outright, the constitutional claims based on violation of the federal and CNMI constitutional prohibitions against impairment of the obligation of contracts. The court held those constitutional claims require that plaintiff show *legislative* action impairing his contract. Dr. Ramsey does not contend that his contractual rights were impaired by legislative action. In any case, those causes of action overlapped with others that remain in the case and thus were of minimal importance.

Moreover, Dr. Ramsey's complaint had 11 causes of action, not 10.

As for the other four claims the *Tribune* represents to have been dismissed, those were dismissed only as to the CNMI and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Those claims remain fully vital against all the other defendants, thus ensuring that a full and complete remedy on those claims remains available to Dr. Ramsey.

The dismissal was on the purely technical statutory ground that the Commonwealth government and CHCC are not "persons" for purposes of 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This is no revelation at all. Dr. Ramsey never alleged that the CNMI is a Section 1983 "person," only that the Commonwealth remains liable for any Section 1983 judgment in Dr. Ramsey's favor against individual defendants, pursuant to its own law requiring the CNMI to defend its officers, agents, and employees against such claims and to indemnify them for any damages judgments.

Whether CHCC is a Section 1983 "person" or not is a close call, as the District Court acknowledged.

The dismissals have absolutely nothing to do with the merits of Dr. Ramsey's complaint.

The real news of the District Court's order was in its holdings in Dr. Ramsey's favor, not what was reported, the very few points of the decision that went against him.

Stephen C. Woodruff

Attorney for Dr. Ramsey

EDUCATION

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one spot where that would be allowed?

Students themselves can actually play similar free speech games with professors on some campuses. If the professor is going to bring up some subject or perhaps read some literary passage that might leave a student emotionally upset, he or she is supposed to give a so-called "trigger warning." If that's not done and some incalculably disturbed soul reports the offense, the prof could be in trouble.


Put all these forces together and you have something crucial and once hugely admirable dissolving into something pathetic unless varied remedies—more emphasis on community colleges and cheap online courses, for instance—pay off.

Maybe they will.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲86° ▼76°


SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼77°


SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°


MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

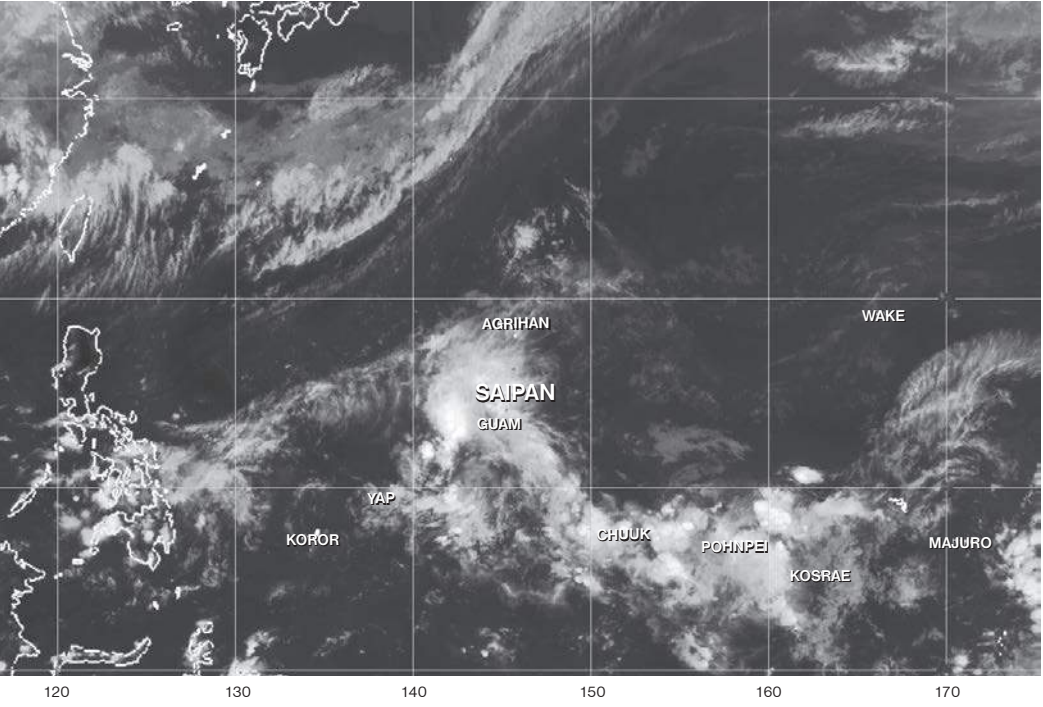
TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough meanders eastward from east of Mindanao across 9N130E to a weak circulation centered between Yap and Guam at 12N141E then turns southeastward to another circulation centered near Chuuk at 6N152E and finally turns eastward to end south of Majuro at 4N171E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with these features are occurring south of Yap between 8N and 9N from 138E to 140E over the Marianas between 7N and 16N from 141E to 148E just south of Chuuk between 4N and 7N from 149E to 153E around Pohnpei between 4N and 8N from 154E to 161E north of Kosrae between 7N and 9N from 162E to 164E southeast of Kosrae between the equator and 6N from 162E to 169E and east of Kwajelein between 7N and 9N from 168E to 171E. Converging trade winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Tarawa and Butaritari atolls between the equator and 3N from 173E to east of 180. An upper low is producing scattered showers just north of Wake Island between 20N and 21N from 166E to 170E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼51
Beijing	Sunny	▲92	▼66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
London	Thundershowers	▲81	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲94	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼75
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲69	▼58
Osaka	Rain	▲73	▼62
Paris	Thundershowers	▲91	▼61
Pusan	Rain	▲69	▼58
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼70
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼52
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼53
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲77	▼58
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲78	▼60
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲78	▼66



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
4:38 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
9:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:45 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.4 Feet
11:46 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:47 AM	6:45 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:45 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	9:05 PM	7:55 AM
Saturday	9:57 PM	8:53 AM
Sunday	10:48 PM	9:51 AM
Monday	11:36 PM	10:49 AM
Tuesday		11:46 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
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7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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An open letter to Fr. Fran Hezel

Trow, hafa adai and hello, Father Fran.

Cinta Kaipat here, your former colleague who served on the CNMI Historic Preservation review board with you many years ago. I just read your Facebook post in which you wrote about a recent trip to Washington, DC. You wrote: "...I was in Washington for two days in response to a request to help find a way to bring together Pacific Island representatives in Washington to engage in a discussion of issues that are important to them. After all, Micronesia has three ambassadors in DC (FSM, Palau and the Marshalls) not to mention the other Pacific Island embassies within the Beltway. But there are also three members of US Congress from the islands—Guam, CNMI and American Samoa. Why not try to get them together to meet occasionally on Pacific matters?"

Why not, indeed? You continued: "...Georgetown University, the first Jesuit college founded in the US, has a program—the Center for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific (CANZP for short)—that has been operating for some years now. Alan Tidwell is the director and Fred Radewagen is one of the founders. They invited me down to Washington to discuss how the center could work with Pacific Islands to create a forum for discussion on Pacific

problems. We spent the better part of a day and a half discussing how to get it in operation."

We welcome this development. However, if I may, I would like to make this one simple request—that the representatives of the Alter Zero Coalition here in the Marianas be invited to be heard at the forum. The Alternative Zero Coalition is a grassroots organization comprised of coalition members from PaganWatch, Guardians of Gani, Fanacho Tinian, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, United Northern Islanders Association, Beautify CNMI!, We are Guahan, and others. Our coalition has been out front leading the fight to stop the U.S. military and its allies from using our inhabited home islands of Pagan and Tinian for live-fire bombing practices.

We strongly feel that a grave injustice is about to be perpetrated upon our people. We vehemently oppose the U.S. military's plans to desecrate our beautiful and pristine island of Pagan and also destroy our beautiful island of Tinian. Such proposed live-fire bombings will irreparably destroy our beautiful and precious few and limited land resources, wreak havoc on and disrupt the lives of hundreds of former residents making plans to return and resettle Pagan and the rest of the Northern Islands. Unfortunately, Mt. Pagan's eruption in

1981 forced the residents of Pagan into natural-disaster exiles. Today, the military's proposed plans to bomb the island of Pagan will kill the dreams of hundreds of former residents longing to return home to resettle Pagan and the Northern Islands.

To allow the military to succeed in their plans to use Pagan and Tinian as live-training targets would deprive our people from practicing and enjoying our island way of life; that is, living off our land and sea and passing on our traditional island customs, cultural beliefs and teachings of survival to our children. These teachings are important to us in that they ensured the survival of our ancestors for centuries.

To allow the military to succeed with their plans for Pagan and Tinian would guarantee the destruction of our fragile ecosystem, along with the desecration of our lands through the dropping of live bombs, inert bombs, and having the land be fired upon continuously from gunships in our shores.

To allow the military to succeed would surely destroy natural habitats, thereby killing animals and plant life and jeopardize endangered and threatened animal species endemic to Pagan and Tinian.

Having the military drop inert bombs and use Pagan and Tinian for live-fire practices would poison our land, air, and

By CINTA M. KAIPAT
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Cinta M. Kaipat is a lawyer and one of the founding members of the Alternative Zero Coalition.



sea—killing off our marine life through employment of sonar testing in our waters.

Dropping bombs on Pagan and Tinian would destroy our cultural artifacts above and below ground. We believe that these cultural artifacts are precious to us in that they connect us to our past and serve as our "cultural DNA" as they specifically identify who we are as distinct peoples in our own individual rights, separate and distinct from all the peoples that make up the Pacific Island cultures and nations.

Allowing the U.S. military to

succeed in taking Pagan and Tinian for their intended military-training purposes translates to seizing 24 percent of our precious limited land areas. This will effectively take away more of our few islands that people can live on today as the military would most likely impose restrict access to those islands north and south of Pagan and, thereby prevent our people from ever realizing the longstanding dreams of resettlement of our northern frontier.

We fear that allowing the military to succeed in taking Pa-

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS (DPL)
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) GOVERNMENT**

RFP15 – RED002

**PUBLISHED DATE(S): June 5, June 12, and June 19, 2015
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 17, 2015**

**“LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC LAND
IN SONGSONG, ROTA”**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of leasing and commercially developing public lands as indicated below:

1. Lot Number 014 R 05, containing an area of approximately 22,200 square meters, more or less, in Songsong, Rota, as is (former Pau Pau Hotel); and
2. Lot Number 014 R 06, containing an area of approximately 21,068 square meters, more or less, in Songsong, Rota, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (US \$3,500.00)** is required to receive an RFP Packet. Payment must be made by certified or cashier's check payable to: **Department of Public Lands**.

Interested proposers from overseas may request for RFP Packet by mail. The request must be received by DPL no later than **June 26, 2015**, reference **“RFP15- RED002 LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC LAND IN SONGSONG, ROTA”**, and include a certified or cashier's check payable to: **Department of Public Lands** for the amount of US\$3,500.00. Requests and payment should be sent to the address shown below.

The RFP packet issued to proposers will be numbered for identification shall not be copied for distribution to other interested parties.

Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be received **no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, June 26, 2015 ChST** and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

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P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755
Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

Department of Public Lands reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the sole property of the Department of Public Lands.

/s/ PEDRO A. TENORIO
Secretary, Department of Public Lands

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gan for military purposes could eventually lead to creating another “Diego-Garcia-type” situation where the military ousted the local islanders from their island home but permitted only a few to return to work and serve their military masters on their own island home.

We believe that allowing the U.S. military to implement its proposals for military training on Tinian would force the people of Tinian to live on a tiny, crowded area of the island while the military uses two-thirds of Tinian for bombing practice—something that was never a part of the Covenant we entered into when we negotiated our political status to become a U.S. commonwealth.

We know that dropping bombs on Tinian, which is merely a couple miles away from our main island of Saipan, would effectively kill our tourism industry—our sole remaining economic engine. After all, who in their right mind would want to pay thousands of dollars to fly to our islands to seek fun and relaxation, only to be rocked every few minutes by bombs dropping and airplanes flying overhead? What happens on Tinian heavily impacts Saipan as well.

Forcing the issue upon the people of the Marianas and, especially the people of Tinian is

highly disrespectful, given the history of what happened during World War II when the U.S. gave the people of the Marianas no say in the matter when they gravely jeopardized our lives by bringing the atomic bomb to our shores from which bomber planes took off to rain the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, thereby leaving us with a legacy we *never* wanted! Now, the U.S. military is at it again.

For decades since WWII, our people of the Marianas have joined hands with the people of Japan and have participated in several peaceful ceremonies to help us all heal from the violent past. Yet today the U.S. military wants to rub salt on our unhealed wounds by making plans to use Tinian for live-fire practices, thereby adding further to Tinian's unwanted legacy as a place where “massive doom” on large human scale is perfected and launched on civilization.

We raise our collective voices to state unequivocally that the people of our tiny Pacific island nation and our leaders stand in solidarity with members of the international world community and speak out in one unified voice against this course of destiny that the U.S. military is forcing upon us. The size of our tiny island nation or the size of our tiny population will not dwarf and drown out our collective voices!

America, do not take our patriotism as U.S. citizens who have sent off our sons and daughters to far-flung corners of

the world to serve our country without question—and quite a number of whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice—for granted. We serve our country honorably despite being denied the right to vote for our President or to even have a voice in Congress as our elected representative to Congress cannot vote on the floor.

We are Pacific Islanders. We are peace-loving island peoples who simply want to be left alone to live on our beautiful island homes, raising our families and enjoying the American dream of pursuit of happiness. Do we not enjoy this basic freedom and right as American citizens?

Perhaps this Conference will be a wake-up call to the U.S. military that just because we are from these far-flung tiny dots in the vast Pacific Ocean does NOT mean that we do not deserve to be treated with respect and common human decency.

Finally, Father Fran, thank you for this opportunity to express my opinions. It would mean a lot to us if you would please sign our online petition (www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing). I am thrilled beyond belief to share that we made history today (June 4, 2015) by hitting over 100,000 signatures and climbing! This would not have been possible without the wonderful support of our wonderful friends and families from within the Marianas (including Guam), our neighboring islands in Micronesia, the continental

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Procurement and Installation of a Rotating Beacon
Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport
Project No. CPA-SA-003-15**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified companies to procure and install a brand new rotating beacon, climbing device and basket at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals are to include procurement, installation and testing of the new beacon with a 1-year warranty and an additional 1-year preventive maintenance services.

All requirements under the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) latest edition of Advisory Circular 150/5345-12, “Specifications for Airport and Heliport Beacons” must be adhered to during the procurement and installation of this equipment. See Scope of Work (SOW) for specific details. The SOW and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package.

The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project.

A site inspection will be conducted on **Friday, May 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** in order to assess the condition and area and determine equipment and materials needed for the installation. Prospective proposers shall meet the Saipan Airport Manager, Mr. Edward B. Mendiola, at the beacon site at 9:00 a.m.

The contract period for procurement and installation will be based on the contractor's proposal. However, liquidated damages of \$500.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse by CPA.

All proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the respective RFP description to the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd floor of the Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, no later than **4:30 p.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015**.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Questions and inquiries regarding this Request for Proposals may be delivered to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, faxed to (670) 234-5962 or emailed to the Saipan Airport Manager at cpa.edmendiola@pticom.com.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman /Contracting Officer

Date: May 6, 2015

Power outage in Kagman Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will conduct a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, June 6, to replace key components on 27 power poles in Kagman.

At 8:30am, CUC will temporarily interrupt power service to a portion of Kagman II, which will affect CUC customers in the vicinity of Alageta Rd., Achoti Av., Abas Dr., Talisai Ave., Bilem-

bines St., Neri Pl., Sereguidillas Pl., Suni Ln., Granada Dr., Tupu Ln., Dokdok Dr., Lemmai Wy., Kamachili Av., Abuchuelas Pl., Mostasa Pl., Fioles Pl., Monggos Pl., and Hasngot Dr., as well as the KG-7, KG-8, KG-9, and KG-15 water wells.

The temporary service interruption will provide CUC Power personnel safe access to replace rusted saddle pins,

cross-arm bolts, and wood braces on each of the 27 primary power poles in Kagman 2 on Alageta Rd. Replacement efforts are expected to take up to four hours to complete, at which time power will be restored to the area.

For more information, visit www.cucgov.org or contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). (CUC)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joan Ashley Tomokane Liwanag, second from left, graduates from the University of Nevada Las Vegas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education. She is shown here with, from left, her father Jose "Pepe" T. Liwanag, brother Joey T. Duenas, mother Rose Tomokane Liwanag, brother Jake T. Liwanag, and brother Dane T. Palacios. Joan Ashley Liwanag is also a recipient and official member of the UNLV National Society of Leadership and Success, National Honor Society of "Phi Kappa Phi" and "Sigma Alpha Phi."

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United States as well as the in-

ternational community. We are immensely grateful to everyone for their invaluable help with the petition. Our next goal is to shoot for 150,000 signatures by

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- Talk to your doctor if you have symptoms like trouble urinating, blood in your urine, or pain in your back, hips, or pelvis that doesn't go away.

Getting other treatments after talking to your doctor.

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- You may also talk about the side effects of treatment like impotence, loss of bladder control, and bowel problems.



For more information about prostate cancer:
<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/prostate/>

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HANMI donates to Crime Stoppers, Saipan Mayor's Office

In celebration of its 30th anniversary this year, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands made donations on May 30 to two community organizations.

HANMI donated a portion of its proceeds of the first week of the Taste of the Marianas to the Saipan Mayor's Office in support of the recently concluded spay and neuter clinic.

"Our anniversary celebrates 30 years of building a stronger Commonwealth with the government and the community," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "A number of our hotels made in-kind donations of sheets and other materials to the spay and neuter clinic, and as an organization, HANMI wanted to add some cash to that. Stray dog population control is an effort both local community members and visitors care about."

Representatives of the Saipan Mayor's Office and clinic co-sponsor Animal Balance also addressed HANMI at their general membership meeting on May 28, 2015, to share about the dog control program and additional opportunities for networking with the hotel industry.

On Saturday HANMI also donated a portion of its proceeds from the second week of the festival to Crime Stoppers.

"Every resident wants to live in a safe community, just as every visitor wants a safe visit," said Cavanagh. "HANMI has made several donations to Crime Stoppers in the past, and we felt this would be a good opportunity to again support their important work in our islands."

Participating hotels who contributed to the donations are Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort

Saipan, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Donations of proceeds from weeks 3 and 4 of the festival will be announced shortly.

For more on activities related to HANMI's anniversary celebration, visit their Facebook page: HANMI's 30th Anniversary. (*HANMI*)

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Crime Stoppers receives a donation from HANMI on May 30, 2015, at the Taste of the Marianas International Food. From left are Kanoa Resort GM Wendi Herring, HANMI secretary and PIC GM Hiroki Sugie, Crime Stoppers board member Brian Clayton, police officer Jason Tarkong, HANMI chair and Marianas Resort GM Gloria Cavanagh, and Crime Stoppers board member Michael Yang.



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Saipan Mayor David Apatang, second from left, receives a donation from HANMI on May 30, 2015, in support of the office's recent spay and neuter program. From left are HANMI secretary and PIC GM Hiroki Sugie, Apatang, Kanoa Resort GM Wendi Herring, and HANMI chair and Mariana Resort GM Gloria Cavanagh.

17 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 17 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Pau Pau Beach, The Palms Resort, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Smiling Cove Marina, American Memorial Park, Grandvrio Hotel drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach drainage, Sugar Dock, CK District 2 drainage, Hopwood School, Puerto Rico Dump, Hidden Beach, Jeffrey's Beach,

Old Man by the Sea, north Lau Lau Beach, and south Lau Lau Beach.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (*DEQ*)



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

ROTA HARBOR MASTER PLAN PROJECT NO. CPA-RS-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Rota West Harbor, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by CPA. The service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package will be available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 12, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in harbor master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, JUNE 26, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to: Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 20, 2015



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES

TINIAN HARBOR MASTER PLAN PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Tinian Harbor, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

These services are being funded by CPA. The service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package will be available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 12, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Similar work experience in harbor master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting – (25 points)
2. Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)
3. Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

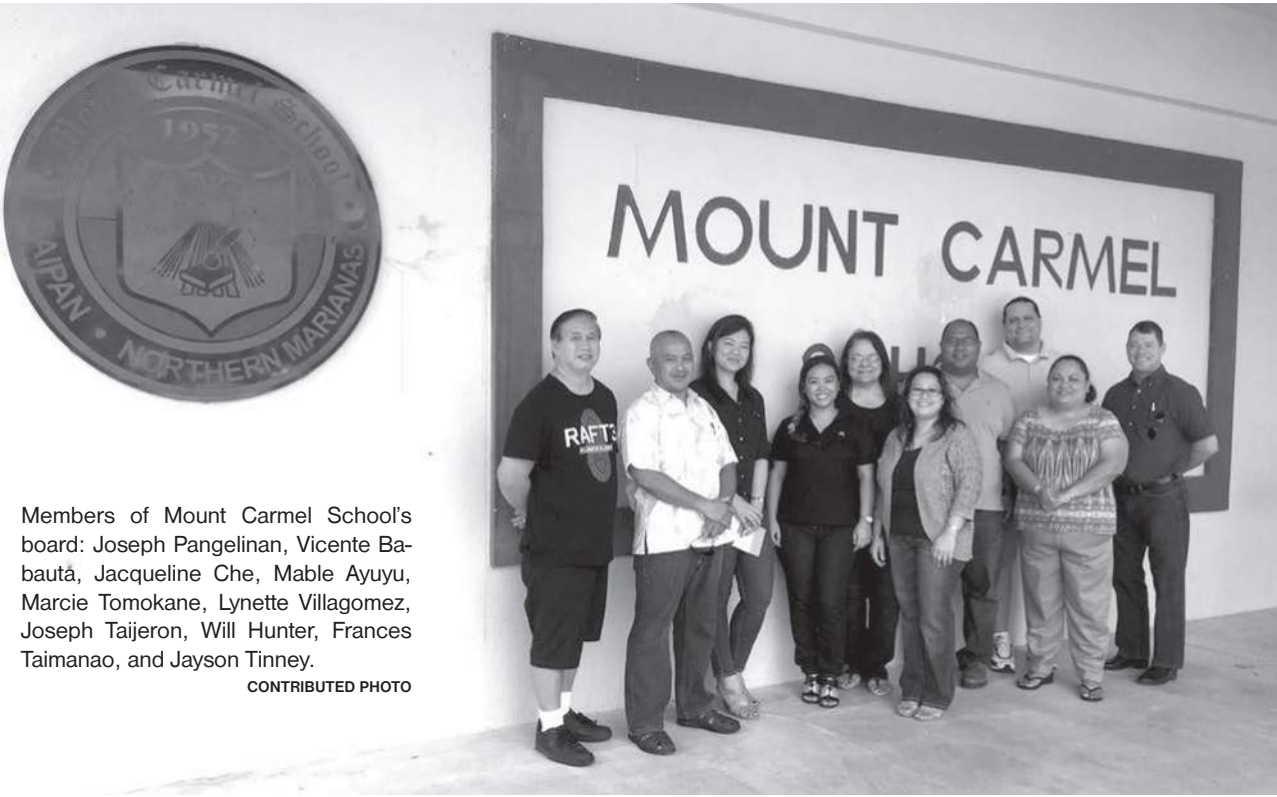
The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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Date: May 20, 2015

MCS board raises teacher salaries; maintains tuition levels



Members of Mount Carmel School's board: Joseph Pangelinan, Vicente Babautá, Jacqueline Che, Mable Ayuyu, Marcie Tomokane, Lynette Villagomez, Joseph Taijeron, Will Hunter, Frances Taimanao, and Jayson Tinney.

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At its annual meeting earlier this week, Mount Carmel School's board of directors voted unanimously to raise the salaries of teachers by 15 percent, but did so without raising tuition. The salary increase comes just two years after the board raised salaries by about 2 percent. The last major salary increase before that was in 1998.

Board chair Joseph L. G. Taijeron expressed the school board's commitment to the school and its teachers. "We are committed to investing in our teachers. I thank them for their patience and understanding as we continue to address MCS's most pressing needs. A 15-percent raise is a step in the right direction and the second raise in the past two years, but we are not done."


Taijeron also noted that the salary increase is part of the board's efforts to help improve instructional quality at the school and meet accreditation standards "The board is committed to doing whatever it takes to improve the

quality of education at MCS."

School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero was very happy with the board's decision. "This helps us offer a much more competitive salary, which will help us recruit and retain great teachers." He added, "Many of our teachers have given so much to the school for more than a decade; this increase honors their dedication in a very concrete and meaningful way."

The salary increase was made possible by the school's ability to increase enrollment, diversify revenue streams, and control expenses over the past two years. These steps taken not only improved the school's financial situation but allowed the board to increase salaries without raising tuition.

Registration for Mount Carmel School's 2015-2016 school year is ongoing. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit the school's website at www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. (MCS)



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" monthly pricing equals or exceeds 4.5% of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to a change in average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 13.08%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has increased from \$0.17108 per kWh to **\$0.19346** per kWh effective **June 1, 2015**.

BASE RATES

	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1 Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.06
2 Base Rates Per kWh:				
	KWH LEVELS			
1) 1 to 350	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
2) 351 to 1,200	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3) 1,201 and over	\$ 0.1580	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3 Infrastructure Surcharge Per kWh -- all usage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NOTE: The Infrastructure Surcharge of \$0.021 per kWh expired on May 1, 2015. Your bill may include this charge if your consumption period (previous read date) was before May 1, 2015.				
4 Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	\$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Municipal Pumping				

FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)

	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
New Fuel Adjustment Charge (Eff 06/01/15)	\$ 0.19346	\$ 0.19346	\$ 0.19346	\$ 0.19346
Previous Charge	\$ 0.17108	\$ 0.17108	\$ 0.17108	\$ 0.17108
*Municipal Pumping				

PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF

Availability:

Applicable to public outdoor streetlighting service and private area lighting where CUC owns, maintains and operates such facilities.

Energy Charge:

The Energy Charge is the kWh multiplied by the sum of the applicable Electric Base Rate and the Fuel Adjustment Charge.

Fixture Charge:

See below.

FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH
1 Long Arm	250	101	\$ 11.67
2 Short Arm	175	71	\$ 8.33
3 LED	140	57	\$ 10.83

ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES

1 Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2 NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$ 40.00
3 Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)*	\$ 1.50
4 Unauthorized Connection*	\$ 550.00
5 Reconnection at the Pole*	\$ 200.00
6 Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)*	\$ 210.00
7 Disconnection Notice	\$ 15.00
8 Meter Change Out	\$ 95.00
9 New Service - Single Phase	\$ 135.00
10 Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$ 90.00
11 Meter Test - Single Phase	\$ 75.00
12 Meter Test - Three Phase	\$ 110.00
13 Disconnection at the Meter	\$ 45.00
14 Reconnection at the Meter	\$ 60.00
Non-Rate Fees Effective 04/17/14	
*Non-Rate Fees Effective 08/03/14	

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS (DPL) COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) GOVERNMENT

RFP15-RED001

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 19, 2015

"QUARRY OPERATOR ON PUBLIC LANDS"

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lieutenant Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the DPL is soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified quarry operators.

The RFP instruction and information package can be picked up at the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, during working hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Questions regarding this RFP must be received **no later than 4:30pm on Friday, May 29, 2015** and must be submitted in writing to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary of DPL at the following address:

Department of Public Lands
P.O. Box 500380
Saipan, MP 96950
2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53
Facsimile number (670) 234-3755
Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp

Sealed proposals must be marked **'RFP15-RED002' Quarry Operator**. One (1) original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the DPL at its address above **no later than 10:00am ChST, June 19, 2015**.

Interviews may be conducted with the top two (2) ranked firms to discuss the proposal submitted if DPL deems the two proposals to be similarly advantageous to DPL.

This RFP does not commit the CNMI or DPL to award a permit or pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal or attendance at meetings with CNMI or DPL. Failure to submit the required number of proposal copies or incomplete content and layout of proposal as stated in the information package may be cause for rejection or disqualification. DPL reserves the right to reject any or all proposal and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if in its opinion would be in the best interests of the public land beneficiaries. All proposal shall become the sole property of the Department of Public Lands.

/s/ PEDRO A. TENORIO
Secretary, Department of Public Lands

\$1.2 million in Interior grants for American Samoa

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia’aina recently approved \$1.2 million in grant assistance to American Samoa to support public health and economic development projects. Funding will enable improvements in clinical record-keeping at the Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medical Center, marketing and advertisement for increased tourism and potential business investors, research for economic development and climate change adaptation, as well as development of the local fishing industry.

“We are pleased to offer these grants to American Samoa,” said Nikolao Pula, director of the Office of Insular Affairs. “We trust that funding to these various programs will be effective and helpful in strengthening the efforts of the American Samoa government and local entities.” This is the complete package of grants approved for American Samoa under the fiscal year 2015 Technical Assistance and Maintenance Assistance Programs from the Office of Insular Affairs; several were awarded in May.

■ \$98,500 to the LBJ Tropical Medical Center for the OpenVista Implementation Augmentation Project. This project will complete the integration of clinical documentation into OpenVista to allow order entry, order completion, and review of results without need for paper reports, faxing or scanning. The project supports vital communi-

cation among providers on clinical evaluations and treatment, and promotes efficient use of human and material resources. ■ \$198,000 to the American Samoa Power Authority for the professional training and apprenticeship development of Samoan engineers and other technical specialists crucial to ASPA’s operation and financial sustainability. Seven appren-

» Funds will support hospital, tourism development and marketing, research on climate change impacts and local fishing industry

tices will be groomed for specific engineer positions at ASPA and receive their professional education at an engineering school in New Zealand. Five apprentices will receive power linemen certification. A total of \$78,000 of this grant will fund an American Samoa Renewable Energy coordinator and partially fund public outreach and education projects for fiscal years 2015-2016. ■ \$25,000 for the Chamber of Commerce to conduct economic research to include surveys and review of existing economic policies, reports, and recommendations produced by government agencies and/or third parties. The research will involve business owners and chief executive officers while reviewing policies on taxation, immigration, political status, port operations, environmental regulations, land registration, government finance, cabotage laws, and employer/employee relations. The Chamber of Commerce’s mission is to improve the business climate in American Samoa and help strengthen its economy for the future. ■ \$300,000 to American Samoa government and National Park of American Samoa partnership for climate change research and habitat restoration projects to conserve native flora and fauna on Tutuila and Ta’u Islands. The proposed project will provide an understanding of the impacts of repeated cyclones which damage much of the vegetation, facilitate the spread of invasive species, and increase temperature and precipitation regimes. This is the first study conducted for these two mountainous islands involving a series of sea-to-sum-

mit forest plots that will aid the identification of extant rare plant and wildlife habitat and provide basis for locating future suitable habitat. Twelve local youth will be involved in the project. ■ \$105,000 for Rainmaker Hotel Recommercialization through solicitation and marketing efforts to attract an investor and/or operator partner from the leisure and tourism industry. Owned by the American Samoa government, the Rainmaker Hotel is located on prime real estate overlooking PagoPago Harbor. ■ \$270,000 to the American Samoa Visitor’s Bureau for a marketing tourism project. This will allow ASVB to support partners in the United States, New Zealand, Australia and Samoa with marketing support to develop and promote holiday packages to American Samoa for their respective markets. ■ \$45,745 for Development of Prototype Fishing Vessel through architectural and engineering plans to replace smaller fishing boats of the American Samoa local fishing fleet. A larger vessel is expected to be safer, more efficient and helpful in developing the local fishing industry. This project was identified as a priority in the American Samoa Economic Development Plan for 2014 to 2017, and in the 2014 American Samoa Marine Conservation Plan. (OIA)



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YOUTH CONGRESS MEETS WITH LAWMAKERS
15th CNMI Youth Congress speaker Thomas Manglona II, vice speaker Roselyn Tanghal, legislative secretary Reynafe Aniga, and clerk Christ Castro meet with Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres, Senate President Victor Hocog, and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero on Monday to discuss their partnership in addressing the critical issues youth in the islands face. The youth leaders and lawmakers discussed the Public School System’s budget, a possible Youth Congress leadership scholarship fund, War on Ice educational outreach, a “Lawmakers in the Classroom” project, and mandatory service hours for all high school students.

Four Saipan students make honors list at BJU

GREENVILLE, SC—Jermaine Reina Perez, a Senior Journalism and Mass Communication major of Saipan, was among approximately 480 Bob Jones University students named to the spring 2015 President’s List. This President’s List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher GPA. Three other students from Saipan—Hae Sung Lee, Zelena Kaye Palijo, and Jericho Regis Perez—are among approximately 830 Bob Jones University students named to the Dean’s List for academic achievement during the spring 2015 semester. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must earn a 3.00-3.74 GPA.

Lee is a freshman Premed/Predent major, Palijo is a senior Premed/Predent major, while Perez is a freshman Graphic Design major. Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, and business. BJU has nearly 3,000 students from every state and more than 40 countries. (BJU)



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAR RENTAL BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT
PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the expansion of the car rental building at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

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At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to airport improvement projects – (25 points);
3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly; and level of experience with airport projects – (15 points);
4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
6. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., June 19, 2015. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
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Date: May 19, 2015



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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BUILDINGS PAINTING PROJECT
PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-008-15

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed bids, subject to the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bids (the "IFB") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This IFB is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-205, Invitation for Bids, of the NMIAC is applicable to the process followed by this IFB.

The BID package which includes the scope of work and other considerations upon payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning June 05th, 2015. Payment of the fee shall be made at the CPA Accounting Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, CPA-IFB-008-15". One original and three (3) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, TUESDAY, JULY 10th, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26th, 2015 at the CPA Conference Room, 2ND Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. Attendance at this pre-bid conference is not mandatory; however, all bidders are requested to attend. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:] FCD GU
] CIVIL
] ACTION
] NO. 15-0268

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An Incompetent] NOTICE
] OF HEARING

By]
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Elsa Lynn N. Castro
Petitioner]

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the above-named by Elsa Lynn N. Castro, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 25th day of June, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

NMC president signs climate change commitment

Recognizing the need for the college to play a leadership role locally in addressing global warming, Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart signed yesterday the "American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment."

"Climate change poses a serious threat to us here in the CNMI," said Hart. "As such, we have a critical role we need to play in preparing others to best address these changes through the provision of research, education, and adaptation strategies."

College presidents and other educational leaders who sign the Climate Commitment are pledging to eliminate their cam-

pus' net greenhouse gas emissions in a reasonable period of time. As part of the Commitment, NMC has agreed to initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible and to implement tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases, which actions include adopting energy-efficient appliance purchasing policies.

According to Hart, she has spent considerable time in the last few weeks meeting with various NMC employees to better assess what activities are already being undertaken at the college to address global warming concerns.

"I am truly amazed at the

commitment we have already made—especially in efforts coming out of CREES and in NMC's Natural Resource Management Program," said Hart, adding that the college has taken significant strides in incorporating energy efficient practices around its campuses.

Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres, who is attending the U.S. Insular Areas Climate Change Stakeholder Meeting in Guam this week along with Hart and other CNMI government leaders, said, "I congratulate President Hart on this initiative. NMC's commitment to taking a proactive approach to climate change adaptation is key. I look

forward to the college's efforts in engaging leaders across our islands in providing education, research, and other projects that will help to improve the resiliency of this region's infrastructure, energy systems, water system, and food systems."

"Northern Marianas College is in key position to play a leading role—along with other environmental agencies—in curtailing the effects of global warming," said Board of Regent member Frank M. Rabauliman, who is also the administrator for the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. "I hope the college's initiative will encourage other

agencies, organizations and regional jurisdictions to play an active role in addressing climate change."

Hart joins about 700 other college and university presidents across the nation who have signed the Climate Commitment.

Hart emphasized that the college's efforts will contribute to the climate adaptation plan that is being developed for the CNMI that is being advanced by U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary Esther Kia'aina. (NMC)

Free movie at AMP looks at drinking water

The community is invited to the American Memorial Park today, June 5, at 6:30pm to watch the latest First Friday Film, *Thirst*, which looks at drinking water all over the world: where it comes from, how we get it, and who it belongs to.

Is water part of a shared "commons," a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold, and traded in a global marketplace? *Thirst* tells the stories of communities in Japan, Bolivia, India, and the United States that are asking these fundamental questions, as water becomes the most valuable natural resource of the 21st century.

Before the film, Captain Derek Chambers from the United State Public Health Service will speak about the status of our drinking water in the CNMI. Chambers has been working

on drinking water and wastewater analysis, management and operations in the Marianas for over a decade at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. He has also worked on water issues throughout the rest of the Pacific region and across the globe during his career.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. This particular film is sponsored by BECQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 80 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fff-saipan@gmail.com or visit our website: www.firstfridayfilms-saipan.blogspot.com. (BECQ)

LTA to launch professional development trainings

The Latte Training Academy, a CNMI-based non-profit, recently teamed up with the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs to launch a Public Service Technical Assistance & Training Program. The program is aimed at bringing professional development trainings to the employees of the CNMI's public sector.

"Many of our public servants are hardworking professionals, but because of the CNMI's remote location, there is a significant strain on their ability to attend professional development trainings at the same rate as their mainland counterparts. We understand that the Office of Personnel Management has trainings, but they too have fiscal limitations, which hampers their efforts. Our goal is to help develop the workforce capacity within the CNMI and we think many times we focus on entry level positions and not professional level public servants," said Latte Training Academy

treasurer Erick Van Der Mass.

The program, which will bring free professional development trainings to the areas of public safety, public health and public education, is slated to launch in August this year. The organization has already established a relationship with the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs to bring nationally renowned experts to provide training and technical assistance to the CNMI's enforcement and education community, while leveraging regional expertise for the public health component.

"One of the most exciting trainings is focused on aiding our law enforcement community, including criminal investigators, prosecutors and first responders, to develop their professional skill set. This cutting edge and innovative training program has received tremendous reviews from law enforcement agencies in multiple states. The trainers have led

nationally recognized investigations to include the Lacy Peterson murder case, the Columbine School shooting case, as well as the capture of the Texas seven prison escapees. We believe that the experience and network that these trainers will bring to our local enforcement community will do nothing more than strengthen our capacity," said LTA secretary Tina Palacios.

Additionally, the Latte Training Academy will be offering professional development training for educators, school counselors, and education administrators with the delivery of its Social Media Issues Facing Educators Seminar and Physical & Virtual Threats in Schools Encounter Seminar. All attendees will be able to receive non-academic transcripts through the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, which can be recognized as Continuing Education Units.

"We are extremely excited and humbled to be a part of

the Latte Training Academy's Public Service Technical Assistance & Training Program. We firmly believe in the visions of the organization and applaud their commitment to being of service to the Commonwealth. It is all to common to criticize the public sector without giving any consideration to the importance of the work that these men and women do to provide essential services to the community," said Carley Ries, executive director of the university's Campus Wide Extended Studies Department.

While the trainings will be capped at 25 participants, they are open to professional government employees whose direct responsibilities are in alignment with the trainings. Interested government agencies can learn more by visiting www.lattetrainingacademy.com and clicking on the appropriate link to view the course description and register for participation. (LTA)


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SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JUNE 16, 2015

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB NMC15-003
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NMC CREES RESEARCH FARMS SAIPAN, ROTA AND TINIAN

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of New Research Farm Equipment's for Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday, May 18, 2015, between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., June 18, 2015, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. In accordance with Public Laws 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, Local Preference is not available to local businesses for this procurement.

Paid for by 100% Federal Funds through the USDA-NIFA authorized under the Hatch Act, as amended August 11, 1955, Award #2014-31100 (Regular).

For Bidders located outside of the CNMI: you may request a copy of the IFB via fax (670) 235-7601 or email to Anita Camacho (anita.camacho@marianas.edu).

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Approved by the following:

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ Dr. Tim Kock
Dean-Director, NMC CREES



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NEW CHAMBER SCHOLARS

FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce scholars for 2015 were named at the Chamber's general membership meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Wednesday. Each selected applicant was given a one-time monetary award of \$2,000. The new scholars are Donovan Castro, Riya Nathrani, Minori Yoshida, Nicole Arenovski, Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro, and Katrina Punzalan. They are shown here with their parents and Chamber officials.

NMC board must report on 'independence' to WASC Senior

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

»Blanco says governor open to policy changes

Existing policies may need changing for the Northern Marianas College board to fully comply with WASC Senior's call for an "independent" governing board.

As stressed by board members and college president Dr. Sharon Hart recently, an accreditation report due in less than two years will ask that the NMC Board of Regents prove its steps to "independence" as

a governing body.

Right now, the board lacks a nominating committee for its members and does not follow staggered terms of office as set by law. These policies or the lack thereof appear to fail the "characteristics of an independent governing board" as set by WASC Senior—the commission in charge of the college's status as an accredited institution.

Notably, the University of Guam, another WASC Senior institution, employs staggered term dates for its term members. The University of Guam also has a committee that nominates members for the Guam governor's approval.

It has been the practice in the Commonwealth, though, that CNMI governors directly nominate board members for approval by the Senate.

It has also been the practice, as CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan notes in an April letter to the governor, that NMC uses the confirmation dates of new appointees to determine the beginning and end dates for their four-year terms, versus staggered dates set by law.

The board

In their most recent meeting, BOR chair Juan T. Lizama called it "critical" to address concerns set out by WASC Senior.

He was commenting on discussion led by Amanda Allen, director of Distance Learning, on the "bare-bones" strategy college regents could take to comply with WASC standards.

Lizama agreed with regent William Torres on the "need to create an ad-hoc" to "follow through on concerns" from the commission.

"The board needs to report on itself," Torres had said.

WASC has asked that boards across the nation look at qualification, conflicts of interests, the size, and responsibilities of their board, among others.

According to Allen, a first report to WASC is expected in 2017. A full report is due in 2019.

The 2017 report would show the "first steps to full compliance" with WASC standards and the 2019 report must show full compliance.

Policy

WASC Senior will determine the "issue of independence" through extensive review.

"All governing boards are bound by this policy," WASC states.

This review would include the methods by which the board members are elected, removed, and the degree to which the decisions of the governing board are reviewed by another body before they may be implemented, WASC policy states.

Asked to explain this Tuesday,

Hart said, "The college will have to demonstrate to WASC Senior that it has in fact—because it is bound by this policy—that it is following the guidelines of what is written."

"When NMC submits its mid-term report, the college must at that point provide a self-study report on how we meet all WASC Senior policies and eligibility requirements," she said.

For nominating procedures, WASC states that governing boards need a committee with a majority of independent members that nominate and recommend members for election to the full board.

"A nominating committee should not be controlled by a single person, another entity, or majority of employees," WASC further states.

By law, the University of Guam fills vacancies on its board through a committee made up by its board chair, the president of its mayor's council, and several other education leaders.

The Guam governor will then appoint, on the "advice and consent" of their legislature, the most qualified candidate from the committee's list of nominees.

'Characteristics of independence'

In describing "characteristics of an independent board," WASC states "terms of board service are staggered to promote continuity and independence."

WASC states that terms should be staggered. Very short terms and long terms are inadvisable.

WASC states that, "staggering terms promotes stability and independence."

Further, WASC describes an independent board as one with "clear procedures to select, nominate, remove and replace board members, conforming to the principles of independence."

WASC notes that governing board members have relevant

expertise that qualifies them to serve on the board.

WASC further urges, among others, that boards to have clear, published conflict of interest policies signed by each board member annually and followed.

WASC also asks that governing boards "reflect...expertise in governance, finance, and higher education" and diversity in terms of gender and racial-ethnic background, among other factors.

Policy call

When asked if Gov. Eloy S. Inos would be open to a change in policy to help NMC further comply with WASC, press secretary Ivan Blanco said, "Of course."

"When it comes to policies that are outdated, or don't work anymore—given light what we went through a very tough accreditation process—yes, the administration is open to looking at what policies can be changed in accordance with [current] laws and the requirements" for accreditation, Blanco told *Saipan Tribune*.

On Manibusan's letter to the governor, Blanco said it was his understanding that the AG's opinion should precede.

"What's in the best interest of the college?" Blanco said are the questions that will be asked.

"If we have to come up with new policies then we'll do that. But as of now, there was a question posed to the AG and all the AG did was provide his opinion on the existing policies. If that does not work for NMC, the lines of communication are open. We can sit down and see what we can do to accommodate the college to ensure...that education is not interrupted for the students," he said.

Manibusan had said the purported expiration dates for the NMC BOR were "erroneous and must be corrected."

He said the terms of regent Elaine Orilla and William Torres had since expired per staggered dates.

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Aldan: 100 pct. of NI residents against live-fire training

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan claims that residents of the Northern Islands are 100-percent opposed to the U.S. military's planned live-fire training exercises on Pagan that is outlined in the CNMI Joint Military Training Plan-Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement.

In an interview with Radio New Zealand, the Northern Islands' chief executive said the U.S. Department of Defense

has not taken indigenous and cultural factors into account in its plans.

Aldan, who wants to reestablish a community on Pagan, said that 100 percent of the Northern Island residents are against the military's bombing of the island.

"The problem is all the alternatives are kind of like the same...they are all about live-fire [training]. So what other alternatives do we have, right? That's what's coming out of the draft CJMT-EIS. So we're left with 'no room' to really discuss alternatives because the alternatives still remain—that the is-

land is being proposed for live firing," Aldan said.

Dr. Mike Hadfield, a professor at the Department of Biology and Kewalo Marine Lab at University of Hawaii, also went on air to make public his opposition to the military using islands for live-fire training.

In an interview with Russia's Radio Sputnik, Hadfield said

despite the U.S. Navy saying there's nothing environmentally important on Pagan, "it's in fact a unique island."

Hadfield also told Moscow-based Radio Sputnik that the U.S. Navy likes to take other people's islands and either never leaves them or leaves them uninhabitable.

Online petition

The Alternative Zero Coali-

tion's online petition to save Pagan and Tinian has now reached a total of 100,538 signatures. Its organizers plan to send the petition to President Barack Obama.

Cinta Kaipat, a Northern Island resident who seeks to return to her island, said that they are targeting more than 150,000 signatures by the end of this month.

A total of 49,462 will be needed to reach 150,000 signatures.

"Thank you all for your support. If you haven't done so already, please help us by signing our online petition," Kaipat said.

Arley Long is the primary advocate behind the electronic petition on Change.org. For more information, visit: www.tinyurl.com/StopIslandBombing or use the hashtags: #SaveTinian #SavePagan or #OurIslandsAreSacred.

One domestic case is dismissed; probable cause found in another

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ruled on two domestic violence cases yesterday, clearing one defendant and finding probable cause to charge another.

At a preliminary hearing, Wiseman did not find probable cause to charge Manuel Jones Villagomez and dismissed the information charging him with assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Wiseman ordered the release of the 40-year-old Villagomez.

In dismissing the charges, the judge noted the conflicting statements of the alleged victim.

In a separate preliminary hearing, the judge found probable cause to charge Johnson Gulapa Bonoan with violating an order of protection, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Wiseman ordered the 45-year-old Bonoan to answer the charges.

In Villagomez's case, assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda called to the witness stand police officer Bradford John Camacho Peter.

In Bonoan's case, assistant attorney general Chester Hinds called to the witness stand police detective Nicolas Rabauliman.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig served as counsel for both Villagomez and Bonoan.

Last May 23, police arrested Villagomez for allegedly beating up his girlfriend and threatening her with a handgun at their home in Dandan.

In Bonoan's case, Rabauliman said the suspect, who appeared drunk, broke into the house of his former girlfriend in Afetnas on May 17, pointed a machete at her throat, and threatened to kill her.

Rabauliman said during the struggle, the victim suffered lacerations on the head and right shoulder. Their three children witnessed the incident.

Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo earlier issued an order of protection ordering Bonoan not to molest, attack, strike, assault, and call his former girlfriend via telephone. The order, which covers a one-year period, will expire on Dec. 10, 2015.

(Ferdie de la Torre)

Camacho sets trial on Rota of Rota DCCA chief

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has set on Rota the jury trial of Rota Department of Community and Cultural Affairs resident director Josepha Barcinas Manglona.

Camacho ordered the parties to appear at the jury trial at Superior Court on Rota on Oct. 13, 2015.

Members of the CNMI Public Corruption and White Collar Crimes Task Force arrested the 53-year-old Manglona on Rota last April 16 on corruption charges that stemmed from April 13, 2013 when, as the director for Rota Aging Center, she took a \$1,000-pool table from the Center and traded it

with another person for hollow blocks to build her kitchen.

The pool table was said to have been donated by a former Rota senator to the Aging Center.

Manglona was released after she posted a \$1,000 cash bail and \$49,000 in unsecured bond.

The information charged

Manglona with one count of conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, two counts of misconduct in public office, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and removal of government property.

Former Judge Timothy H. Bellas is counsel for Manglona. Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas is prosecuting the case. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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- ❖ Cooks
- ❖ Cook Helpers

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Opening Date: Thursday, June 04, 2015
Closing Date: Until filled.

Executive Director
LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a utility executive in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.
CONTRACT: Two-year, subject to renewal.
POSITION(S): One (1).

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-023

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Petroleum Compliance Manager
(Also known as Technical Manager for Oil)
LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a Petroleum Compliance Manager in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Two-year, subject to renewal.

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JVA No. 15-024

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant: Lineperson
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution Section, Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-025

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Maintenance Worker
LOCATION: Administration (Dan Dan Office), Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$14, 704.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-026

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Dispatch Operator
LOCATION: Call Center, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITION: Three (3).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-027

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Safety Compliance Technician
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SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-028

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant
LOCATION: Wastewater Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-029

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Administrative Assistant
LOCATION: Water Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-030

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant
LOCATION: Water Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Seven (7).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-031

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Assistant
LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-032

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Technician
LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Three (3).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-033

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Assistant: Meter Reader
LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Six (6).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-034

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Monday, July 06, 2015

Senior Engineer: Licensed Electrical Engineer
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$48,821.00 per annum to \$82,995.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-035

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Engineer: Electrical Engineer
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$40,084.00 per annum to \$54,113.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-036

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Administrative Technician
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-037

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Technician: Meter Technician, Electrical
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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JVA No. 15-038

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015
Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant: Lineperson
LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: Seven (7).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Blossom, the world's tallest cow, dies in northern Illinois
ORANGEVILLE, Ill. (AP)—The world’s tallest cow has died on a farm in northern Illinois after holding the record for less than a year. Pat Hanson tells The (Freeport) Journal-Standard that her 6-foot-4 Holstein, called Blossom, died May 26 on her farm near Orangeville, just south of the Wisconsin/Illinois border. Hanson says she’s not sure what was wrong with Blossom, but that she had the 13-year-old Holstein put down after two veterinarians said they couldn’t save her. Hanson says Blossom was buried in her favorite pasture, with her head facing east toward the farm. Guinness anointed Blossom the world’s tallest cow last August. Although she’s no longer alive, the 2,000-pound cow maintains that title and will appear in the 2016 edition of the Guinness World Records book.

Bull free after falling into metro Atlanta well, taking nap
FAIRBURN, Ga. (AP)—A bull that fell into a metro Atlanta well has been freed after taking a nap during the rescue effort. Abel Ambrosio Lopez told WSB-TV the bull fell through rotten wood that was covering a well on his property in Fairburn, south of Atlanta. Lopez says he assumed the 3-year-old, 1,500 pound bull named Boy jumped a fence and took off, and was surprised to find it lying in the well. Local media reported that crews used a backhoe to dig a bigger hole so the animal could walk out. But the bull decided to take a nap and didn’t immediately leave once he was able to. Lopez has said the bull seems to be OK. He said he estimated that the hole could be up to 12 feet deep.

Cops: Pennsylvania man ran fake DUI checkpoint while drunk
SOMERSET, Pa. (AP)—Police say a man who set up a drunken-driving checkpoint complete with road flares while pretending to be a Pennsylvania state trooper was drunk. Troopers say 19-year-old Logan Shaulis, of Somerset, parked his vehicle diagonally across state Route 601 and set up road flares at about 4 a.m. Saturday. A motorist who stopped says Shaulis claimed he was a trooper and demanded to see a driver’s license, registration and insurance papers. When real troopers arrived, police say Shaulis tried to hand a BB pistol to the car’s passenger and said, “I can’t get caught with this.” He faces charges including drunken driving, impersonating a public servant and unlawful restraint. He remained jailed Tuesday. Online court records don’t list an attor-

ney for him. A preliminary hearing is set for June 9.

Illinois man backs SUV through garage door, a longtime wish
WOODSTOCK, Ill. (AP)—A suburban Chicago man who says he always wanted to know what it is like to smash through a garage door now knows the feeling. Ninety-one-year-old Walter Thomas of Woodstock was able to slam an SUV through a garage door with his family’s help. The garage was slated to be torn down, so Thomas’ action was of no consequence. The SUV was donated. It was then up to Thomas to back it through the garage door and check that activity off his bucket list. Thomas described what he did this way: “I hit the gas, squealed the tires and bang—we went through the door.” Thomas says he doesn’t know what he could do to top that.

‘John Wayne Day’ in Texas honors actor’s 108th birthday
AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Wearing a brown plaid coat worn by John Wayne in 1945’s “Flame of Barbary Coast,” Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has declared a day in honor of the quintessential screen cowboy. An avid collector of movie memorabilia, Patrick wore the coat as he presided over the Senate Tuesday. He declared it John Wayne Day in Texas to mark the Hollywood legend’s 108th birthday and named the actor an honorary Texan. There were proclamations from the House, Senate and Gov. Greg Abbott. Senators told Wayne’s visiting children and grandchildren of their love for movies including “True Grit,” “The Searchers,” and “Rio Bravo.” Sen. Judith Zaffirini, whose district is near the set of Wayne’s 1960 movie “The Alamo,” quoted her favorite Wayneism: “Talk low, talk slow, and don’t say too much.”

Police take stray pig into custody outside Detroit-area home
SHELBY TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—Officers in suburban Detroit took a stray pig into custody, holding the animal in the back of a police vehicle before reuniting it with its owner. Debbie DeRiemaecker told WXYZ-TV that she was doing yard work last Thursday evening at her home in Macomb County’s Shelby Township when the pig came barreling toward her. It chased her into the front yard before apparently getting distracted by a decorative ball. DeRiemaecker called 911 and explained the situation. She says police officers soon pulled up at her home and got the pig off the streets, though it left a mess inside the police vehicle.

Science & Technology

Pinterest to unveil 'buyable pins' in next few weeks

NEW YORK (AP)—Users of Pinterest will soon be able to buy items directly through the company's app using a new type of pin.

Pinterest and Canadian e-commerce company Shopify said Tuesday that the "buyable pins" will debut in the next few weeks.

Pinterest says buyable items

will have a blue pin displaying their price. Users will be able to search for similar items based on color and price. The company says items from brands including Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Cole Haan, Michaels and thousands of Shopify stores will have the pins. Fabric and craft retailer Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores Inc. says it will



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In this April 1, 2015 photo, a pin signifies Pinterest's Japan offices on a map at the Pinterest office in San Francisco.

also participate in the program.

Users can pay for the items they buy with Apple Pay or a credit card. Shopify says their credit card information will be stored by payment processors and not by Shopify itself.

Pinterest said iPhone and iPad users will see the pins in the next few weeks, and they'll be available on future releases of the Android OS or desktop

computers.

Pinterest allows users to create collections of photos, articles, recipes, videos and other images that are called "pins." The company is based in San Francisco and was recently valued at \$11 billion.

Shopify Inc. works with merchants who want to offer their own online checkout services, providing a platform for small- and mid-size businesses that sell products online. Clients can use Shopify's software to handle sales made through mobile phones, the Web, physical stores and other means.

TECH Q & A

A puzzle in iTunes causes users to lose connections

By **STEVE ALEXANDER**
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: Since February, Apple's iTunes music store has been giving me a strange message: I can't download anything because I have no Internet connection. The odd thing is that I haven't had any problem connecting to other websites. When I ran a PC diagnostic program, I got error message 11222.

I've read online that other people have this problem, too. But when I talked to Apple's technical support people, they had no idea how to fix it. What should I do? --Jim Brown, Manchester, N.H.

A: Apple says it is working on your problem but doesn't have a definitive answer yet.

In an iTunes troubleshooting guide updated in May (tinyurl.com/nftgpuc), Apple offers a list of possible solutions, such as changing settings in the Apple Macintosh or Windows PC operating systems, or updating software drivers for the computer's graphics card. Apple says it is still investigating why people


receive error code 11222 when trying to use iTunes. "Proxies, certificate issues, or your Internet service provider may be the cause," it says.

By proxies, Apple means "proxy servers," which are computers that act as middlemen between your home computer and the Internet. Proxy servers are sometimes used to filter Internet content before it reaches you, or to provide you with anonymity while visiting websites.

By certificate, Apple means a website's "security certificate," which verifies to a Web browser that the website is authentic.

To correct error 11222, Apple suggests changing your Internet Explorer Web browser settings. (While iTunes isn't viewed through Internet Explorer, the music service uses some of the browser's settings to communicate with your PC.) That will alter the way Internet connections are established and the way that website certificates are determined to be valid. If those changes don't work, we'll have to wait for Apple to come up with a better answer.

In Humble Gratitude



In Loving Memory of
† Alberto P. Ramos

On behalf of my daughters and I, and our family, we would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all who joined us at the gathering and services of our beloved.

Your presence and support gave us comfort in knowing that we are loved by many people and who are there with us in the most difficult time in our lives in dealing with the passing of our beloved.

Maraming Salamat to all who have contributed during the service of my husband †Alberto. Thank you to the Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness community and our friends and their families. Being with us gave us comfort and solace.

Peace be with you and your families.

*Helen M. Ramos
Children and Families*

First Year Death Anniversary

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved
† Jose Camacho Cabrera "RC"

My family and I are forever grateful to Almighty God for the many graces and support we have received from our relatives and friends since the time of our beloved's passing unto his new life with his Creator.

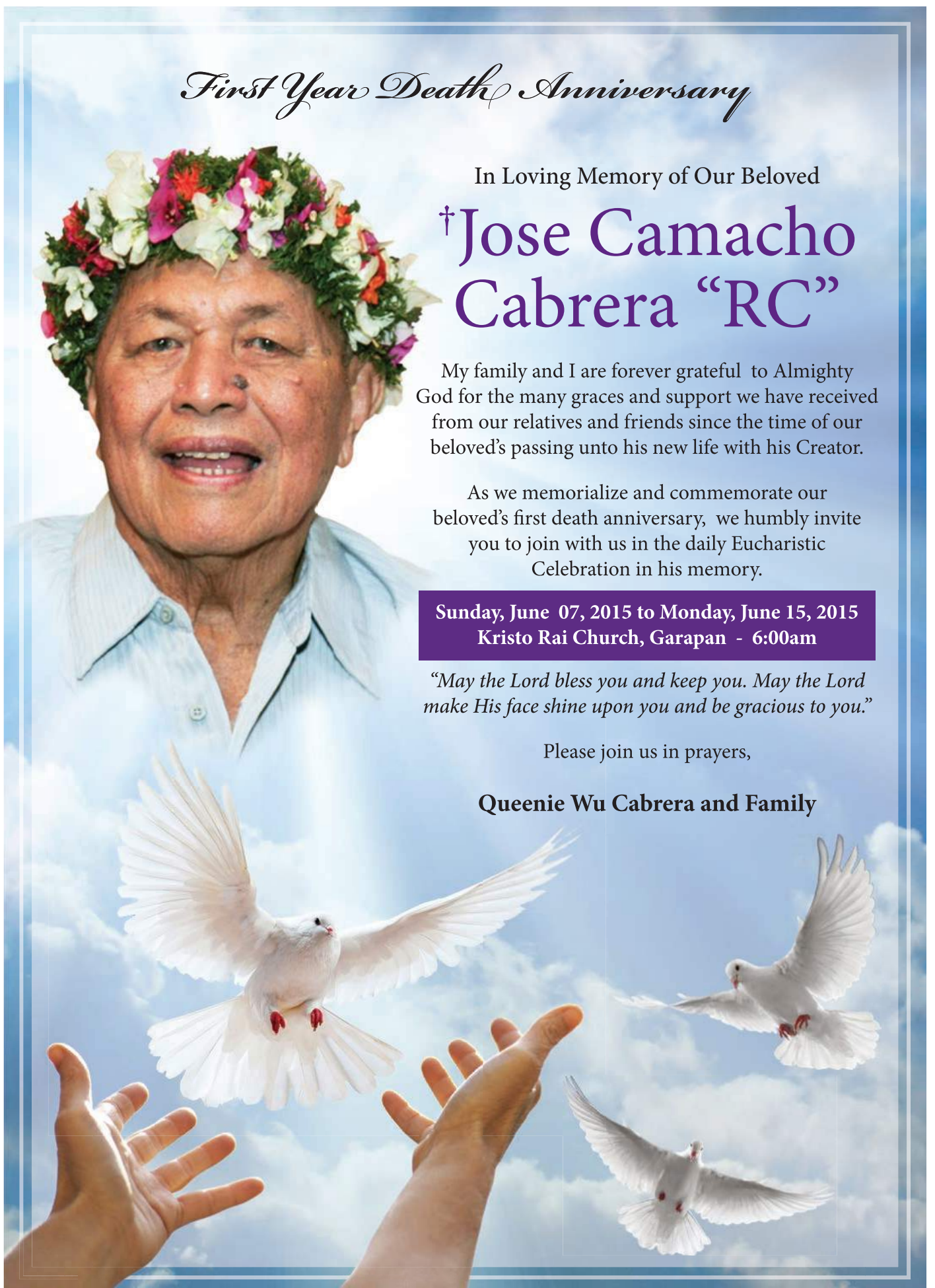
As we memorialize and commemorate our beloved's first death anniversary, we humbly invite you to join with us in the daily Eucharistic Celebration in his memory.

**Sunday, June 07, 2015 to Monday, June 15, 2015
Kristo Rai Church, Garapan - 6:00am**

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you."

Please join us in prayers,

Queenie Wu Cabrera and Family



Life & Style

Man who stalked actress Mila Kunis recaptured after escape

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man sentenced to a mental health facility for stalking actress Mila Kunis was recaptured Wednesday in Santa Monica, four days after he escaped from the institution, sheriff's officials said.

Deputies with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's major crimes division took Stuart Lynn Dunn into custody in an alley about a half-mile from the beach, sheriff's spokeswoman Nicole Nishida said.

Dunn pleaded no contest to stalking Kunis in January 2013. He was sentenced to six months

of rehabilitation, five years of probation and ordered to stay away from the actress and her representatives for 10 years.

He disappeared Saturday night from a mental health center in Pomona, about 50 miles from where he was captured.

Authorities believe he got out of the Olive Vista Behavioral Health Center by climbing through a bathroom window and scaling a barbed-wire fence. Deputy Chief Reaver Bingham of the Los Angeles County Pro-



Dunn

bation Department said officials went looking for him after he didn't return from a shower.

Authorities said Dunn had few contacts in the Pomona area so they focused their search on gathering places for transient populations in western Los Angeles County. That included parts of Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Hollywood and Beverly Hills. The area where he eventually was found is not far from such a gathering place near the beach.

Sheriff's officials said their detectives took Dunn into custody after seeing Santa Monica police stop him in the alley. He was arrested for violating

his probation.

"Mr. Dunn's arrest was the result of the diligent efforts led by the Los Angeles County Probation Department's spe-

cial enforcements operation and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's major crimes division," sheriff's officials said in a statement.

After splashy debut, bureaucracy awaits Caitlyn

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A glamorous Vanity Fair cover served as Caitlyn Jenner's introduction to the world, but far more mundane matters await the Olympic champion before she can legally assume her new identity.

Applications, affidavits, a background check, a possible court appearance and even a trip

to the dreaded Department of Motor Vehicles with some decidedly less artful photography are in store for Jenner.

The paperwork that will formally transition Bruce Jenner into Caitlyn Jenner is considerably less glossy and aromatic than the pages of the celebrity magazine that heralded her new identity on Monday, setting a Twitter record and sparking renewed discussion of her transition.

Establishing her changed life officially will involve getting new identity documents, such as a driver's license, birth certificate and Social Security card, as well as changing bank and financial records.

Jenner, who won a gold medal in the 1976 Olympics in the decathlon and is familiar to a younger generation as the patriarch on "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," will have plenty of help navigating the maze of paperwork. But some things she'll have to do on her own.

"We all have to go to DMV whether we like it or not," said Jeffrey Erdman, a Los Angeles attorney who has handled numerous gender change petitions.

It can take months to get a court to approve a name and gender change application, time that can leave a person in an emotional limbo after already taking difficult steps to transition into a new identity. "They've made this transition

and are ready to live this life," said Erdman, a civil attorney whose firm started handling gender change cases 10 years ago because of a lack of lawyers handling them in the Los Angeles area.

A lawyer can assist with obtaining the court order changing a person's name and gender, but securing a new driver's license, birth certificate, Social Security card and other documents generally falls to the individual. Some of the changes can be done by mail, but Jenner can't escape the wait to get a new driver's license.

Jenner will likely receive help from experienced attorneys, just as Chaz Bono did in 2009 when he transitioned from being Chastity Bono, the daughter of Sonny Bono and Cher.

Some of the steps Jenner will take are expected to be an element of a series documenting Jenner's transition, "I Am Cait," which will premiere on E! Entertainment Television in July.

Los Angeles County, where Jenner lives, requires people changing their names to submit a background check. In 2011, the check briefly delayed NBA player Ron Artest's petition to change his name to Metta World Peace until he resolved several outstanding traffic citations. The citations had turned into warrants, but the name change was approved three weeks later.

E! names Caitlyn Jenner docu series 'I Am Cait'

NEW YORK (AP)—The E! Entertainment network says its documentary series on the former Bruce Jenner premiering next month will be titled "I Am Cait," and it's showing a promo video for the series depicting her applying makeup.

The Olympic champion revealed this week her new name is Caitlyn Jenner. She's featured in an eight-episode series depicting her transition from a

man to a woman that will debut July 26.

E! ramped up promotion Wednesday by releasing a video that depicts Jenner applying lipstick while sitting at a makeup table. She says for the first time a professional had come in and applied makeup for her. She says, "What a difference."

Jenner declares while driving near her California home, "I'm the new normal."



This 2015 image provided by courtesy of E! shows Caitlyn Jenner in the first official promotional trailer for the new documentary series, "I Am Cait," in Malibu, Calif.

CPL. †Stephen Austin "Silayoong" Romolor Litulumar *Lovingly Known as "Sly"*

SI YU'US MA'ASE • THANK YOU • OLOMWAAY

The tears have dried, the flowers have withered, but your presence with us at the daily Eucharistic Celebrations, the nightly rosaries, the funeral services of my son has given us the courage to endure the pain and our great loss. The loss of "Sly". Because of his death, a new life has begun. His new life with his Creator, and our new life – a life in which we have created new acquaintances, making new friends and developing a stronger bond with families. Because of these, we are forever grateful for the memories you have instilled within us.

A beautiful and meaningful service for my son will not have been possible without the unselfish help and assistance of SSGT. Rodney DeLeon Guerrero and the U.S. Marines Corps, the presence of GYSGT Mirlen Tobar, 1st Supply BN, the 1st Supply BN – 1st Marine Logistics Group, the Marine Corps Activity Group – Guam, and the HQ & SPT MCI West. Our sincerest appreciation to Fr. Kenneth Hezel, SJ. for his guidance and consolation. To Ms. Vicky S. Fital for her untiring efforts in leading us the nightly rosaries. To Ms. Marcy P. Cepeda, the staff of Kristo Rai Church and the altar servers – Thank you.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase to Mr. Frank Cabrera and the staff of Cabrera's Funeral Service for planning and creating a meaningful memory for our family.

Our gratitude to the Office of the Governor and staff and to Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres for his presence at the arrival of my son and during the funeral services. It meant so much to us. Si Yu'us Ma'ase to Mayor David Apatang and to Mr. Ben Camacho from the Office of Military Affairs.

To all – all who have helped in one way or another - Thank you and Olomwaay.

May The Lord bless you and your family always. May the Lord shine His face upon all of us and give us peace.

With All Our Love and prayers,

Mercedes Romolor Litulumar
Children and Families



'Sister Act' is born again: New film in the works

Widow of man run over by Suge Knight sues for wrongful death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The widow of a man who died when he was run over by a pickup truck driven by Marion "Suge" Knight filed a wrongful death lawsuit Wednesday against the former rap music mogul and key figures involved in the upcoming film "Straight Outta Compton."

Lilian Carter, the widow of Terry Carter, filed the wrongful death lawsuit Wednesday in Los Angeles against Knight, Universal Studios Inc., and rappers Dr. Dre and Ice Cube. "Straight Outta Compton" chronicles the rise of the gangster rap group N.W.A., which included Dr. Dre and Ice Cube

as members.

The suit alleges Universal was negligent by continuing filming in Compton, California, after Dre warned the production to keep Knight away. Knight, the co-founder of Death Row Records, has quarreled with Dre for years.

The complaint also alleges Universal negligently hired Cle "Bone" Sloan, whose fight with Knight led to Carter being run over. Sloan, who was seriously injured after being run over by Knight's truck, was working as an adviser on the film and helped broker deals with gang members so that it could shoot in Compton.

"This lawsuit concerns the tragic tale of how reckless corporate greed, disguised as the quest for authenticity, (led) to a foreseeable altercation that resulted in the death of a successful businessman," the complaint states.

Howard King, an attorney for Dr. Dre, called the lawsuit "preposterous."

Emails sent to representatives for Universal and Ice Cube were not immediately returned. Knight's attorney, Thomas Mesereau, also did not immediately return an email message.

Knight has pleaded not guilty to a murder charge filed in Carter's death.

NEW YORK (AP)—Musically blessed comedy "Sister Act" is getting a revival, courtesy of Disney.

Producer Ally Sherman and writers Kristen "Kiwi" Smith and Carol McCullah are set to create a new take of the origi-

nal 1992 film, Disney confirmed on Tuesday.

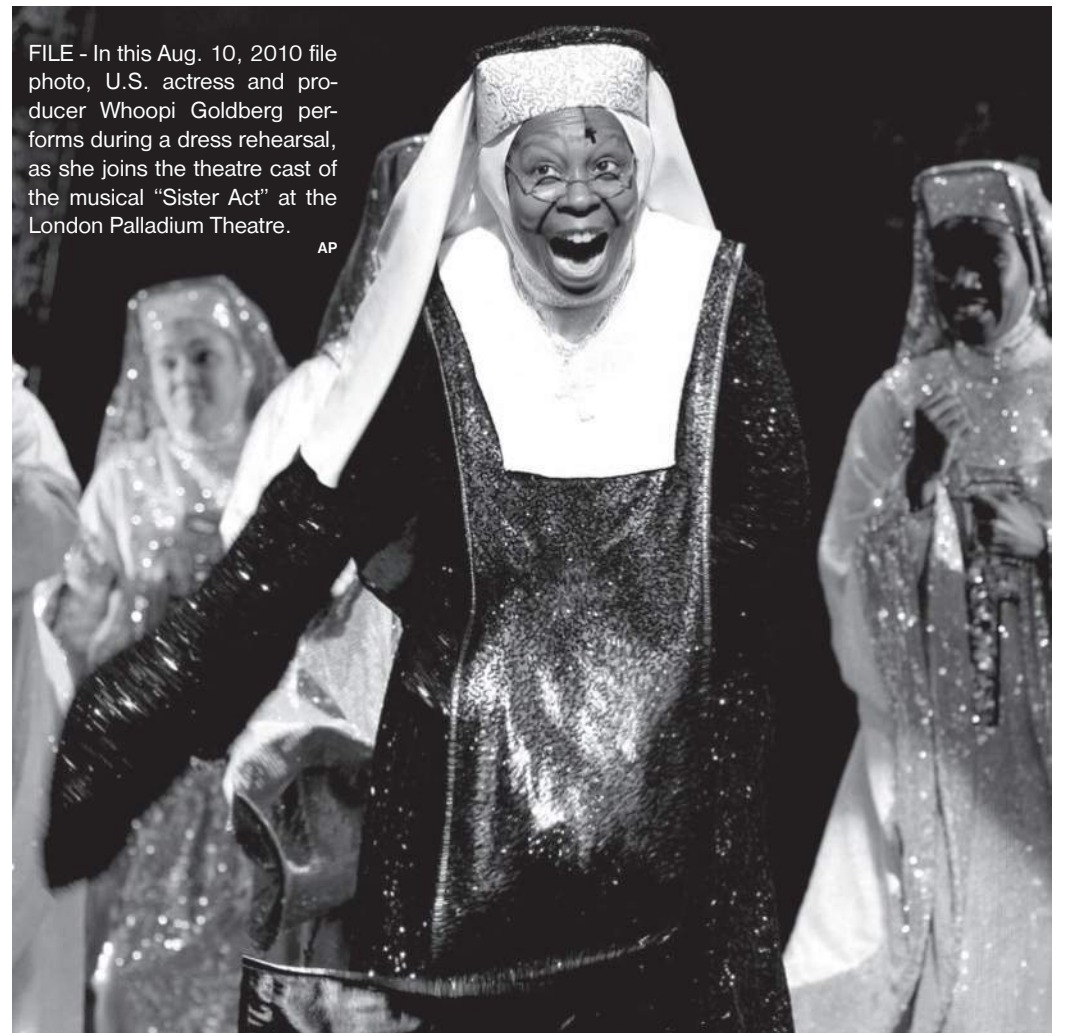
The film is still under development and no further details were released.

"Sister Act" starred Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith and Kathy Najimy in a story about a singer finding sanctuary from mobsters as a nun in a convent;

the sequel also starred a young Lauryn Hill.

Sherman produced this year's hit "Cinderella." Smith and McCullah's credits include "Legally Blonde" and "She's the Man."

"Sister Act" was also made into a Tony award-winning Broadway musical.



FILE - In this Aug. 10, 2010 file photo, U.S. actress and producer Whoopi Goldberg performs during a dress rehearsal, as she joins the theatre cast of the musical "Sister Act" at the London Palladium Theatre. AP

Gabourey Sidibe memoir coming in 2017

NEW YORK (AP)—Gabourey Sidibe has been holding back.

The Oscar-nominated actress best known for the film "Precious" and hit TV series "Empire" is working on a memoir scheduled to come out in 2017. The book is untitled, publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt announced Wednesday.

In a statement issued through her publisher, the 32-year-old Sidibe said she had been writing since childhood and was anxious to share stories "too long, shady and impolite" for interviews. Her other movies include "Tower Heist" and "Yelling to the Sky" and the TV series "The Big C."



FILE - In this April 15, 2015 file photo, Gabourey Sidibe attends the 2015 Tribeca Film Festival opening night premiere of "Live From New York!" in New York. AP

Writer Jacqueline Woodson named young people's poet laureate

NEW YORK (AP)—Jacqueline Woodson, last fall's National Book Award winner for young people's literature, has a new honor as young people's poet laureate.

The Chicago-based Poetry Foundation announced

Wednesday that Woodson has been given the title "in recognition of a career devoted to writing exceptional poetry for young readers."

The 52-year-old New York City writer receives a \$25,000 cash prize, and will advise the

foundation on poetry projects.

Woodson was cited by National Book Award judges in November for "Brown Girl Dreaming," an autobiographical novel in verse. Her other works include "Miracle's Boys" and "Each Kindness."

Stephen Colbert priming the pump for 'Late Show'

NEW YORK (AP)—Stephen Colbert's version of CBS' "Late Show" doesn't begin on television until September, but he's starting to make an online presence felt.

He launched the show's new website, ColbertLateShow.



Colbert

com, and accounts on various social media outlets on Wednesday. CBS also released a five-minute video where Colbert talked about the beard he grew during the down period between "The Colbert Report"

and his new show.

"Good news!" Colbert said on the video. "I still exist." He joked that CBS made him shave his beard because Tom Selleck's mustache has a non-compete clause.

Colbert plans to issue other videos throughout the summer leading up to his Sept. 8 premiere.

Softhearted woman just can't say no to wannabe boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I am 32 and need advice on setting personal boundaries in my relationships. Simply put, I have a guy friend who has feelings for me that I don't have for him. We dated briefly. I broke it off, and we have continued as friends for two years.

He knows I'm not interested in an intimate relationship with him. However, he has made it clear through words and behavior that he's in love with me, almost to the point of obsession.

I feel he doesn't respect my personal space. We argue—especially if he ends up crashing at my house after a night at the pub. I firmly tell him he can only sleep on my couch, but he'll weasel his way into my bed. I feel I'm enabling him in his clingy behavior because I don't want to hurt his feelings.

I want to be able to act assertively with him and others. I want to stop being so passive, especially with men. Please advise me how to work on this.

PUSHOVER IN VANCOUVER, CANADA

DEAR PUSHOVER: The man you describe appears to be under the impression that he can wear you down if he keeps at it long enough. He isn't interested in being your "friend"; he wants to be your lover.

Because you aren't interested in him that way, quit allowing him to sleep at your place. If he becomes so drunk he can't

drive himself home, get him a taxi. Allowing him to sleep over and weasel himself into your bed sends him a mixed message, and that's a mistake.

To create effective boundaries, you must be clear about the messages you send to others. What you appear to need to work on is the ability to say no. Try it. You'll like it.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm having a hard time with my dad. He treats me like a little kid and refuses to recognize that I'm an adult who can make my own decisions. It makes it difficult for us to get along, and I have been spending less time with him because of it.

Abby, I am 40. I haven't lived at home for more than 20 years. I'm married with kids and hold a responsible job, but he still sees me as a little girl. An example: He will tell me how to do everyday tasks and remind me not to touch the stove or leave the lights on. In his mind, I never grew up.

It has always been this way with him. I have tried talking to him about it, but all he does is roll his eyes like I'm a teenager.

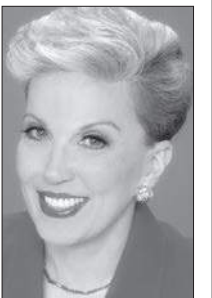
Dad is in his late 60s and I'd really like to have a relationship with him while he is still alive and healthy. Is there anything I can do to make him understand his perspective is skewed and he needs to change his behavior?

DADDY'S GIRL

DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR DADDY'S GIRL: At his age, you aren't going to change your father. Your chances of improving your relationship with him will be better if you change the way you react to what he's doing, and realize he says the things he does because it's part of what he thinks is a parent's job. Once you see the humor in it, you'll stop feeling defensive and resenting him. Trust me, it will go a long way toward your having the adult relationship with him that you crave.

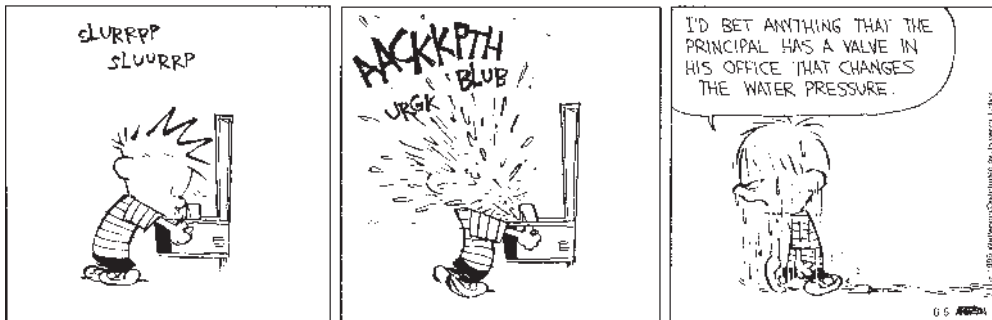
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Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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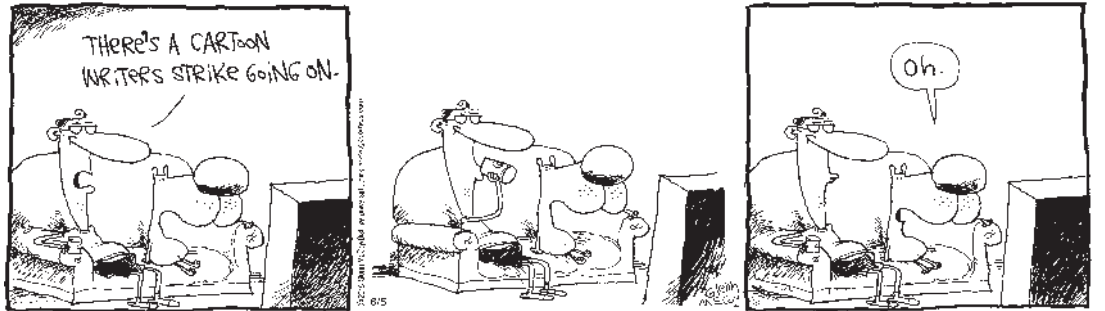
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Yesterday's answer 6-5

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mike Fisher, 35; Mark Wahlberg, 44; Ron Livingston, 48; Jeff Garlin, 53.

Happy Birthday: Don't follow what others do. Set your own rules and guidelines and use your skills to help find your way. Be a leader, not a follower, and practice restraint and discipline when dealing with people and excessive temptations. Be strong, and look for the truth in every situation before you make your move. Honesty will keep you out of harm's way. Your numbers are 6, 14, 22, 27, 30, 39, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Social networking will present a problem for you. Use your intelligence and choose your words wisely. Keep your emotions in check and remain professional in the workplace. Bide your time, do a stellar job and you will advance. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Participate in events, activities or research projects that will help you make a decision regarding where you live or the places you visit. Don't let your emotions dictate what you do. Intelligence and common sense will lead you in the right direction. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully to matters concerning investments, expenditures and medical matters. The information you pick up will help you avoid making assumptions that can lead you down the wrong path. Make positive changes to improve your standard of living. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Love is highlighted. Take care of personal and emotional issues that have been causing

uncertainty. Adjust your attitude if it will help you get ahead at work or give you a chance to do something unique. Make positive changes. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't sit back waiting for someone else. By being proactive, you will show how dynamic and vital you can be to any project you pursue. It's what you do that will summon support and the favors needed to reach your goals. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on your responsibilities and completing what's expected of you. Your actions are what count, not arguing with someone who is unwilling to budge. Do something that will make you feel good about who you are and what you do. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do things that are conducive to looking and feeling your best. Love and romance are highlighted along with creative pursuits. Take a trip or sign up for a seminar that sparks your interest. ★★

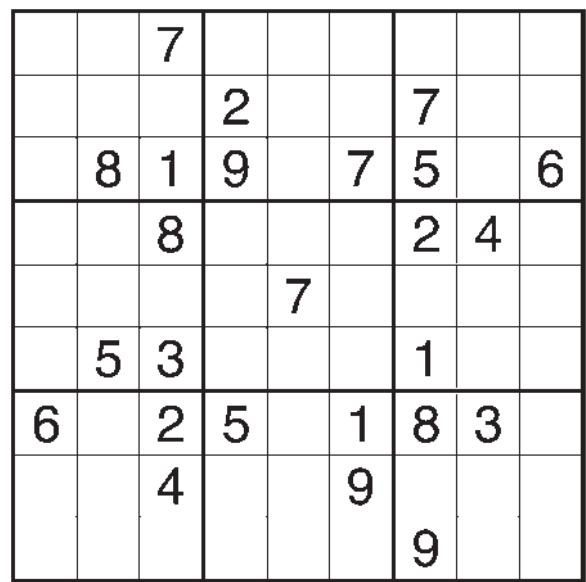
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The people you question will be reluctant to inform you of the drawbacks to a situation that concerns you. Use your intuition to ferret out what's best for you. Don't let love stand between you and your success. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get busy and finish what you start. If you leave things undone, someone will complain or ruin your plans for the weekend. A partnership looks like it might need an overhaul. Address issues of concern and move along quickly. ★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

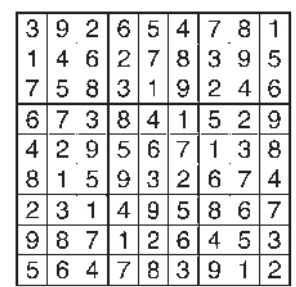


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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★★★

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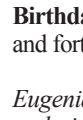
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Djokovic beats 9-time French Open champ Nadal in quarters



PARIS (AP)—There was no trophy, and no title, on offer for Novak Djokovic at Court Philippe Chatrier.

Perhaps there should have been, considering what he accomplished.

Thoroughly outplaying the best there's ever been on red clay, Djokovic ended Rafael Nadal's 39-match French Open winning streak Wednesday by beating the nine-time champion in a surprisingly lopsided quarterfinal 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

"A match," Djokovic said, "that I will remember for a long time."

It's only Nadal's second defeat in 72 career matches at Roland Garros—and second in 95 best-of-five-set matches anywhere on the surface. The other came in the fourth round in Paris in 2009 against Robin Soderling.

Before that, Nadal won four championships in a row. And since? Nadal collected a record five consecutive French Open titles.

"I lost in 2009, and (it) was not the end," Nadal said. "I lost in 2015, and (it) is not the end."

The No. 1-ranked Djokovic lost all six previous matches they'd played in Paris, including the 2012 and 2014 finals.

But Djokovic's defense allowed Nadal only three winners off his heavy topspin lefty forehand, perhaps the most feared shot in all of tennis. With his coach, Boris Becker, jumping out of his seat to applaud, Djokovic conjured up 45 winners to only 16 for Nadal, whose 29th birthday sure was a downer.

"He was better than me," Nadal said. "That's it."

By the end, Djokovic not only had broken down Nadal's game but also his usually unbending will. Appropriately for a match that did not live up to the hype, it closed with a whimper on a double-fault by Nadal.

"An ideal scenario is today could have been (the final), and could have a different discussion," Djokovic said. "It's only quarterfinals, and I want to fight for the title. That's what I came here for."

Yes, significant as this victory was, Djokovic has more work to do in pursuit of a first French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam.

In Friday's semifinals, the 28-year-old Serb will meet No. 3 Andy Murray, who eliminated 2013 runner-up David Ferrer 7-6 (4), 6-2, 5-7, 6-1. The other semifinal is Stan Wawrinka vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

"I feel like I understand how I have to play on the surface better than I did in the past," said Murray, who is 15-0 on clay in 2015.

In the women's semifinals Thursday, Serena Williams plays Timea Bacsinszky, and Ana Ivanovic meets Lucie Safa-



Serbia's Novak Djokovic hugs Spain's Rafael Nadal, left, after winning the quarterfinal match of the French Open tennis tournament in three sets, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1, at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

rova. Williams advanced with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Sara Errani, and Bacsinszky beat Alison Van Uytvanck 6-4, 7-5.

The 44th installment of Djokovic-Nadal was merely a quarterfinal because Nadal's

ranking slipped so far he was seeded sixth, all of his unprecedented French Open success notwithstanding.

The 14-time major champion missed time last season with a right wrist injury, then had ap-

pendix surgery. He has spoken openly about a crisis in confidence from poor-for-him results in 2015: Wednesday's loss was his sixth on clay, his most in a year since 2003. When the rankings come out Monday, he'll be

no better than 10th, his worst spot since 2005.

Djokovic, who won his eighth Slam title at January's Australian Open, owns a 27-match winning streak.

"You need to play very well

to stand a chance against him, and the truth is that Rafael did not play at his best," said Toni Nadal, who coaches his nephew.

After 15 minutes, Djokovic led 4-0, taking 18 of the first 22 points, including one 19-stroke delight in which both men sprinted to track down lobs.

Then, as though suddenly recalling who he is and where he was, Nadal snapped to it.

It took Nadal 21 minutes to complete the minimal task of claiming a game, with the help of an on-the-run, down-the-line backhand passing winner so exquisite Djokovic gave a thumb's up. That helped the Spaniard get to 4-all.

Couldn't have known it at the time, but that turned out to be his last surge. Nadal saved three set points while trailing 5-4, then another two at 6-5, despite missing an easy overhead early in the game. But Djokovic converted his sixth chance, breaking Nadal to seize the first set.

Djokovic wanted the court watered after that, a request that was ignored, leading to a series of complaints from him to chair umpire Cedric Mourier. A couple of times in the second set, Djokovic slipped on the clay, then glared at Mourier.

No matter. Djokovic was too good for his longtime rival, no matter the conditions.

Curry set for his NBA Finals moment against LeBron, Cavs



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Stephen Curry was early in his career, a long way from even thinking about the NBA Finals.

His Golden State Warriors were in Cleveland, where LeBron James powered one of the best teams in the league. Curry thinks the Warriors lost the game (they did, one of their 56 losses his rookie season) but certainly remembers the chat.

James, already the best player in the game, pulled Curry aside leaving the court and told him to focus on his own effort, ignore any distractions around him, make sure he was always prepared.

"There is going to be a time when it's all going to work out because you'll be ready for that moment," Curry said Wednesday of James' message.

And now, it might happen against James.

The next chat between the superstars could be Thursday night at center court, before Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

Curry is now the NBA's MVP and the Warriors, no longer the lowly laughingstock from his rookie season, won a league-best 67 games during the regular season. They have lost three times at Oracle Arena all season, but that doesn't faze James as he tries to end Cleveland's 51-year pro sports title drought in his first season back there.

"I've been in so many loud arenas. This is going to be one of them," he said. "I've played in OKC in the (2012) finals to start off the series. I've played in Boston. I've played in Detroit when they were in their heyday. I've played in Chicago in 2011 to open up the Eastern Conference finals. I've played in San Antonio.

"So I've been in some very loud buildings and this, obviously, I know tomorrow is going to be one of them. But I don't add too much pressure on it. You just go out and you just try to play."

He has done that superbly in this postseason, averaging 27.6 points, 10.4 rebounds and 8.3 assists in the Eastern Conference playoffs. He has played better basketball—he brought up the 2009 East finals loss against Orlando, a month before Curry was drafted—but the steady hand he has provided with Kevin Love out and Kyrie Irving hurting has made James as good as he's ever been.

"For me as leader of the team, it's my job to lead the guys and to perform well," James said. "At the end of the day, win, lose or draw, that's all I can ask out of myself and ask out of my guys, and we'll do that."

His finals experience—he's the first to play in five straight finals since Bill Russell's Celtics of the 1960s—is one advantage for the Cavs against

SIDE BAR

Chicago Bulls introduce Fred Hoiberg as new coach

CHICAGO (AP)—Fred Hoiberg looked at Chicago and saw a deep and talented roster with a chance to contend for a championship—an opportunity that was too good to pass up.

The long-rumored pairing of Hoiberg and the Chicago Bulls became official on Tuesday when the former NBA guard and executive left Iowa State to become the 19th coach in franchise history, replacing the fired Tom Thibodeau.

The Bulls are hoping a new voice is just what they need to contend for a title after a season that began with soaring expectations ended in disappointment. Chicago struggled to win 50 games during a difficult regular season and bowed out to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"I love this roster," Hoiberg said. "I love the versatility of the players, the different lineups that we're going to be able

to play. You can play small, you can play big. You've got lineups that I think can really get out and play with pace. You've got a great group of veteran players that know how to play. I think Tom Thibodeau is an excellent, excellent basketball coach, and I think he instilled a lot of unbelievable qualities in this team that hopefully I can build on."

Hoiberg went 115-56 at Iowa State and led the Cyclones to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances and back-to-back Big 12 tournament titles. He had open-heart surgery in April, his second such procedure in the past 13 years or so. But he insisted he would not do the job if it endangered his health.

He takes over a team that fought through injuries and never seemed to click the way they expected. The effort that carried the Bulls in previous seasons was not there. Tensions between their coach and

management mounted and Thibodeau was fired last week. Gone was the team's most successful coach since Phil Jackson, a man who had led Chicago to a 255-139 record and playoff appearances all five seasons even though Derrick Rose suffered season-ending injuries to each knee.

The Bulls said at the time that they would begin a search. But it was no secret who they were eyeing.

General manager Gar Forman said he and chairman Jerry Reinsdorf met casually with Hoiberg last week. Talks began and they finalized the deal Monday night.

"We didn't know it would move this quickly," Forman said.

Hoiberg, who played for Chicago, called the Bulls' job "an unbelievable opportunity" and thanked their management, along with his Iowa State players and athletic director Jamie Pollard.

For Curry, keeping things normal Wednesday meant a haircut and some sun by his pool. And he knows James will be prepared, just as he once instructed Curry.

"He's a gamer," Curry said. "You know he's going to ready for big moments."

a Warriors team with no players who have played for the championship. Warriors rookie coach Steve Kerr, who won five titles as a player, says he and assistant Luke Walton have talked to the team about what to expect now.

"But what I really found as a

player was once you get out on the floor, you just start playing and everything returns to normal," Kerr said. "It's still just a basketball game. But you've got to get to that point and the best way to do that is to try to ignore the chaos as much as you can."

Buehrle dominates Nationals; Blue Jays win, 8-0



WASHINGTON (AP)—Mark Buehrle

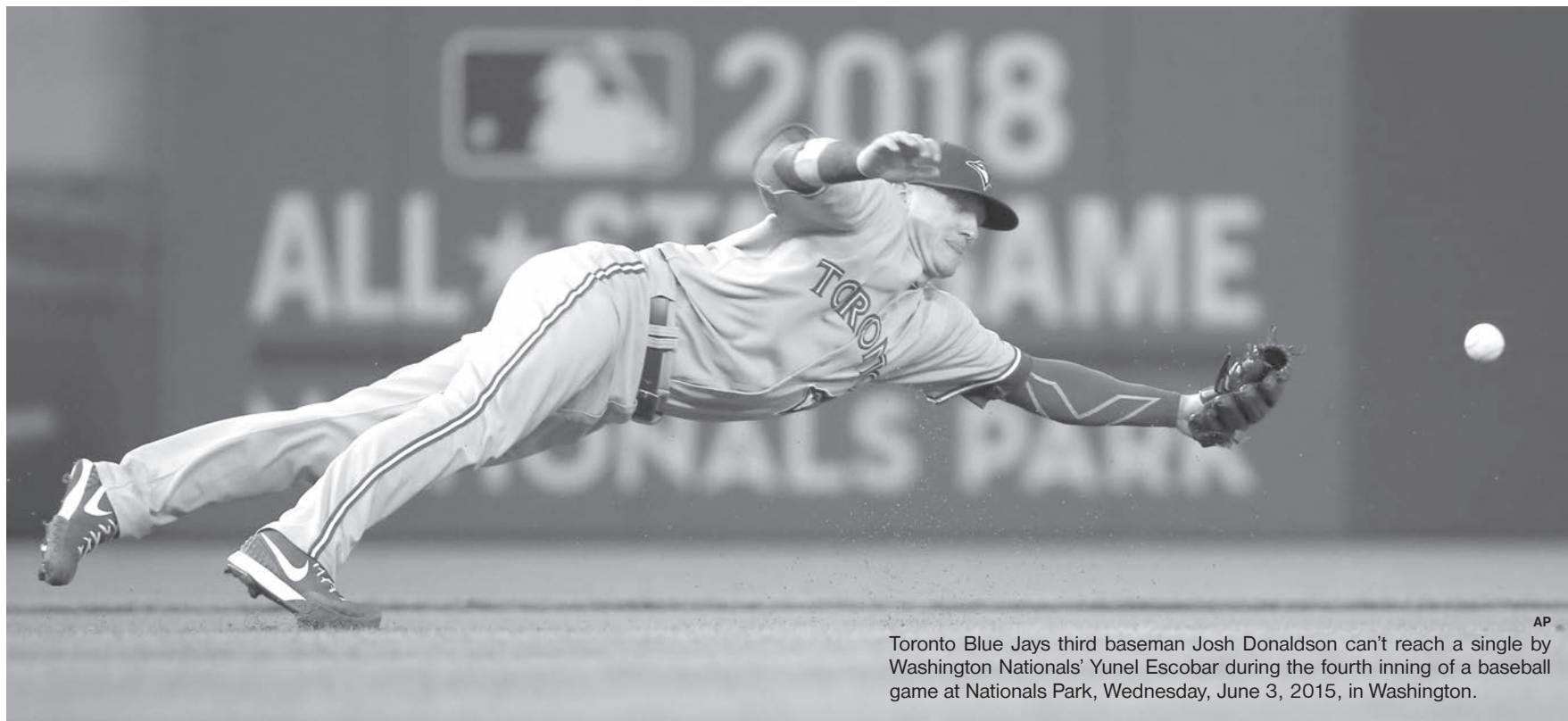
threw a six-hitter for his 11th career shutout and the Toronto Blue Jays scored four runs in the first inning to close the inter-league series against the Washington Nationals with an 8-0 victory Wednesday night.

Buehrle (7-4) worked fast and effectively against the NL East leaders, needing only 93 pitches for his first shutout since 2013.

The first four batters reached against Taylor Jordan (0-2), who made his first start this season for the Nationals this season with Stephen Strasburg sidelined.

Jose Bautista, Chris Colabello and Kevin Pillar had RBI singles in the first inning. Bautista hit a solo home run in the eighth. Jose Reyes had three hits and drove in two runs.

Bryce Harper went 2 for 4 with a double.



AP
Toronto Blue Jays third baseman Josh Donaldson can't reach a single by Washington Nationals' Yonel Escobar during the fourth inning of a baseball game at Nationals Park, Wednesday, June 3, 2015, in Washington.

Yankees 3, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Garrett Jones and Mark Teixeira homered, Masahiro Tanaka gave up one run over seven innings in his return from the disabled list, and the Yankees completed a three-game sweep.

Jones homered for the second straight day, hitting a two-run shot in the fourth inning off Seattle starter Taijuan Walker (2-6). Jones hit a three-run home run in the 11th inning of the Yankees' 5-3 victory Tuesday night.

Teixeira added his second home run of the series and his 16th of the season, hitting a solo shot in the second inning that just eluded leaping right fielder Seth Smith at the wall.

Red Sox 6, Twins 3, 1st game; Twins 2, Red Sox 0, 2nd game

In Boston, Trevor May allowed two hits over seven innings to lift the Minnesota to a split of a day-night doubleheader.

In the first game, Boston's Eduardo Rodriguez followed up his brilliant major league debut by allowing one run and two hits in seven innings.

May (4-3) only allowed runners in the third inning. With two outs, Carlos Peguero singled and took third on a double by Dustin Pedroia, his fifth hit of the doubleheader. But Brock Holt grounded out.

May struck out nine and allowed no walks. Glen Perkins pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 20th save in as many chances.

Boston's Rick Porcello (4-5) rebounded from two starts in which he gave up 13 runs in 11 1/3 innings. Against the Twins, he allowed two runs and five hits with five strikeouts and no walks in eight innings.

Rodriguez (2-0) allowed just a solo homer by Brian Dozier in the third and an infield single by Danny Santana in the sixth. Rodriguez struck out seven and

walked two before Alexi Ogando gave up a two-run homer to Eduardo Escobar in the ninth.

The Red Sox scored five runs in 4 1/3 innings against Phil Hughes (4-5). Mike Napoli added a solo homer, his ninth of the season, in the seventh against Michael Tonkin, making it 6-1.

Phillies 5, Reds 4, 11 innings

In Philadelphia, Cody Asche scored from second base on a fielding error by pitcher Ryan Mattheus in the 11th inning, lifting Philadelphia to the win after Maikel Franco hit a tying, three-run homer off Aroldis Chapman in the ninth.

Mike Leake took a no-hitter into the seventh before Franco lined a single up the middle with two outs.

In the 11th, Asche hit a double down the left-field line off Mattheus (0-1) with one out. Freddy Galvis then hit a grounder to first baseman Joey Votto. Mattheus covered the bag, but couldn't catch the toss and Asche came around to score.

Astros 3, Orioles 1

In Houston, rookie Lance McCullers allowed one run in a complete game, Chris Carter provided the offense with two homers and Houston picked up another win.

They are off to the best start in franchise history with an American League-best 34-20 record.

Carter homered in the second and fifth innings and George Springer added a solo shot in the sixth inning as the Astros improved to 21-0 when hitting multiple homers this season.

In his fourth career start, McCullers (2-0) yielded four hits and struck out a career-best 11 to lower his ERA to 1.88. McCullers hadn't lasted more than six innings entering the game. He retired 15 in a row before a single by Adam Jones with two outs in the ninth, but he struck out Chris Davis to end the game.

Cardinals 7, Brewers 4

In St. Louis, John Lackey pitched seven innings and Matt Carpenter had two hits and drove in two runs, helping St. Louis improve the best home record in the majors to 22-7.

The 36-year-old Lackey (4-3) scattered 10 hits while striking out five and walking one. He is 4-1 in four career starts against Milwaukee.

Lackey has gone 7-1 in 11 regular-season starts and one playoff outing at Busch Stadium since joining the Cardinals after a trade with Boston. Lackey is 4-1 in six starts at home this season.

Rays 6, Angels 5, 10 innings

In Anaheim, Calif., Kevin Kiermaier led off the 10th inning with a home run after rookies Joey Butler and Steven Souza Jr. went deep to account for all the scoring in Tampa Bay's five-run sixth.

Rays closer Brad Boxberger, born in nearby Fullerton, entered in the eighth looking for his first four-out save in the majors. He struck out Matt Joyce to strand a runner at third, but gave up the tying run in the ninth on Erick Aybar's sacrifice fly after getting ahead in the count 0-2.

Pirates 5, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Jordy Mercer broke a fifth-inning when he homered for the second day in a row, Francisco Liriano struck out six to win his second straight decision and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the San Francisco Giants 5-2 on Wednesday for a three-game sweep.

Liriano (3-4) allowed four hits while outdueling Tim Lincecum (3-5), who also struck out six over seven innings but lost his fourth straight outing against the Pirates.

The two pitchers had the first hits of the game after each retired the initial eight batters in order, Liriano with a single in the top of the third and Hudson

on a double in the bottom half.

Diamondbacks 9, Braves 8

In Phoenix, A.J. Pollock homered for the second consecutive game, and Arizona rallied to beat Atlanta.

The Braves jumped to a 6-0 lead in the second inning, but the Diamondbacks chased Mike Foltyniewicz in the sixth and grabbed the lead for good with three runs in the seventh. Yasmany Tomas and Chris Owings each had an RBI single, and Jarrod Saltalamacchia made it 8-7 with a tiebreaking sacrifice fly. David Peralta's slide at home plate beat Cameron Maybin's throw from mid-center field.

Athletics 6, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Sonny Gray pitched eight shutout innings and Billy Burns hit a bases-loaded triple as Oakland handed Detroit its sixth straight loss.

Gray (7-2) had the Tigers beating the ball into the ground all game, with Oakland's outfielders only making one putout while he was on the mound. He struck out seven and allowed two singles and a walk.

Anibal Sanchez (3-7) allowed four runs, five hits and four walks in seven innings. After striking out 20 batters in his previous two starts, he only had one against Oakland.

Marlins 7, Cubs 3

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton and Jeff Baker hit back-to-back homers for the second time in five days, and the Marlins showed lots of life after two months of often desultory play.

A bench-clearing confrontation led by injured Miami Marlins ace Jose Fernandez and Chicago Cubs outfielder Junior Lake ended in a standoff.

The Marlins won their second series in a row after a stretch in which they lost 11 of 13 games and fired manager Mike Redmond. New manager Dan Jennings was ejected in the eighth

inning for arguing a call on a checked swing.

The Marlins' Dan Haren (6-2) took a shutout into the inning but got only one out after the confrontation. He allowed three runs in 5 2/3 innings.

Jon Lester (4-4) had his worst outing of the year, allowing six runs in five innings for the Cubs. He also went 0 for 2 at the plate and is 0 for 61 in his career.

Royals 4, Indians 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Jason Vargas tossed six sharp innings, the Kansas City offense came through against AL Cy Young winner Corey Kluber.

Mike Moustakas drove in a run in the first inning, and Lorenzo Cain, Eric Hosmer and Kendrys Morales hit consecutive RBI doubles off Kluber (3-6) in the third to give the Royals the lead.

Vargas (4-2) made it stand up in his second start back from the disabled list. The left-hander used a pair of double plays to wiggle out of jams, and limited the streaking Indians to two runs on eight hits while striking out three without a walk.

Greg Holland pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

Rockies 7, Dodgers 6

In Denver, Nolan Arenado hit a game-winning sacrifice fly in the ninth inning, lifting Colorado to a win.

With the bases loaded and no outs, Arenado sent a fly to left-center. Chris Heisey caught it and threw home, but DJ LeMahieu slid in easily. Arenado was mobbed by teammates after the Rockies overcame a two-run deficit in the ninth.

John Axford (1-0) earned the win following two rain delays that totaled 2 hours, 26 minutes.

Yimi Garcia (2-2) was one of four relievers in the final inning for the Dodgers, but they couldn't hold the lead.

Joc Pederson homered in his fifth straight game, becoming the first Dodgers player to do so in

a single season since Matt Kemp in 2010, according to STATS.

White Sox 9, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Jose Abreu homered in a six-run second after missing three games with an injured finger, Chris Sale struck out a season-high 13 in seven shutout innings and Chicago beat Texas.

Tyler Flowers added three hits, including a home run, as the White Sox bounced back from a 15-2 loss in the series opener.

Sale (5-2) retired the final 14 hitters he faced and struck out Joey Gallo three times before Texas' top prospect homered again a night after his record-setting debut.

Nick Martinez (4-2) allowed nine hits and seven earned runs in 3 1/3 innings—his shortest outing of the season—as the Rangers' four-game winning streak ended.

Texas announced after the game that Josh Hamilton will be out four weeks with a strained left hamstring, sidelining him just seven games into his return to the Rangers.

Padres 7, Mets 3

In San Diego, James Shields threw seven strong innings to remain unbeaten and Will Middlebrooks drove in three runs to help the Padres win a home series for the first time in a month.

Shields (7-0) cruised through five innings, permitting just one runner to reach second base. The right-hander allowed two runs and six hits overall. He struck out four, walked two and used three double plays to avoid major damage.

Shields set his personal best for consecutive wins to start the season. He began 6-0 with Tampa Bay in 2006.

The Mets were hurt by three errors—two by third baseman Ruben Tejada—that led to three unearned runs. Dillon Gee (0-3), just off the disabled list, also hit a batter with a pitch with the bases loaded.

Lopez leads NMSA May awardees

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Mikayla Lopez was named the NMSA/TSL Foundation Female Student Athlete of the Month in May to lead three others that earned the Northern Marianas Sports Association's monthly honors.

Soccer's Sean Perez was the Male Student Athlete of the Month, while volleyball player Midcat "MC" Tipingeni and bowler Diana Camacho clinched the Male and Female Athletes of the Month, respectively.

Lopez had a breakthrough performance in last month's IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships, an International Tennis Federation junior ranking event, where she became the first CNMI netter to go deeper in the tournament.

The ITF Junior event featured 80 of the best players from 14 countries vying for world ranking points.

Netters from Chinese-Taipei, Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Germany, Australia, Philippines, China, Indonesia, Palau, and the United States joined host CNMI in the weeklong tournament.

The Marianas High School junior reached the semifinals in the girls singles and was a quarterfinalist together with Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the girls doubles.

Lopez, an incoming senior who already has an offer for a college scholarship in the U.S., opened her singles bid with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Hong Kong's Sabrina Mary Woll then had to grind out a 2-6, 6-1, 6-1



The CNMI's Mikayla Lopez, seen here returning a shot to her and Ayana Rengiil's doubles foes in last month's 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships at the Pacific Islands Club, was named NMSA/TSL Foundation Student Athlete of the Month for May.

win over tough Japanese foe Makoto Ohara.

She went up against No. 2 seed Maria Dominique Ong of the Philippines in the quarterfinals and she again pulled off an upset, 6-1, 6-0, to earn a semifinals date against third-ranked Ayana Shimizu of Japan.

Lopez was clearly out-matched by the Japanese bet as she went down, 1-6, 0-6. She also reached the quarterfinals in the girls doubles when she teamed up with Rengiil in scoring a 4-6, 6-1, 10-8 super tiebreak against Woll and Yuen Yung Li.

Perez earned the NMSA/

TSL Foundation Male Student Athlete of the Month after his impressive performance in the NMIFA 2015 Spring Youth League where he clinched the Golden Boot.

Tipingeni, meanwhile, was the Male Athlete of the Month after leading his team to second place heading into the playoff round of the ongoing 6v6 In-

door Volleyball League, while Camacho got the nod following her triumphant run in the 33rd CNMI May Masters Bowling Tournament.

Friendly Joy Pena (athletics), Hopwood Junior High School's Angelica Sally (soccer), and Knollynn Gechig (volleyball) were the other NMSA/TSL Foundation Fe-

male Student Athlete of the Month nominees, while Donavin Ada (athletics) and Andrew Johnson (volleyball) were nominated for the Male Student Athlete. Robert Talavera (bowling) and Toni Yamada (volleyball) were also nominees for the Male and Female Athlete of the Month, respectively.

FIFA: Blatter resignation won't lead many to quit

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—A consistent ally of Sepp Blatter, Danny Jordaan already has a new job.

Jordaan, the head of the South African Football Association, was credited with bringing the 2010 World Cup to South Africa. He is also being investigated for \$10 million in bribes paid to land the event, part of the corruption scandal that pushed FIFA President Blatter to resign.

A day after the corruption and bribery scandal broke last week, Jordaan was appointed the new mayor of his South African hometown. He plans to stay on as the soccer federation's head, a job with no salary. But he's hedging his bets.

Call it the domino effect, or a chain reaction, or simply bracing for change coming to FIFA.

Blatter is going, so can federation presidents who run world soccer—some like feudal lords in Africa, Asia and Latin America—hang on for long?

Several officials have al-

ready been suspended, but experts say they don't expect massive changes.

Peter Alegi, a historian at Michigan State University and author of "Africa's World Cup," said a "mild reformer"—not a radical—was likely to succeed Blatter.

"I do not see much of a chance of a domino effect from Blatter's resignation," he said in an email. "I believe it's more likely that the diverse members of the global football establishment will do whatever it takes to hold on to power, privilege, and prestige."

Former Barcelona and Brazil star Romario hopes not.

An outspoken Brazilian federal senator, Romario termed Blatter's downfall "a big wave that can sweep away" bribery and impunity.

"This is the best news we've had in a long time," Romario said through his social media accounts. "His fall will come as a tsunami to every corrupt leader in confederations around the world."

Marianas Paddlefest set on June 28

The Marianas Paddlefest is set to take place on June 28 in waters off the Hyatt Regency Saipan beach.

The OceanSoul Society, Windsurfing Saipan, and Hyatt Regency Saipan is organizing the race.

The family friendly stand-up paddle race is focused on hav-

ing fun under the sun with a little competition in the mix.

Whether you're 8 or 80 years old, we guarantee a good time. All races will be set up to be spectator friendly so invite your family and friends to cheer you on.

A practice course will be set up every Sundays of June from

2pm to 4pm at the Hyatt beachside for anyone interested to prepare and train before the actual competition.

We are excited about the different divisions we have most specially the youth races and the relay events.

Proceeds will go to future events geared toward keeping

run in 1:12.60 with Sapong (1:15.27) and Race (1:19.22) coming in at second and third, completing MHS' 1-2-3 finish.

She and Sapong also won the long jump gold and silver, respectively, with leaps of 4.15m and 3.95m, while Shankweiler ended up at third (3.85).

Peña also won a silver in discus (15.63m) where she finished behind Chenoa Bunts-Anderson, who led SIS' sweep of the throwing events. Bunts-Anderson threw a distance of 17.85m. Kye Tamm, also from SIS, placed third at 15.54m.

Race then topped the middle distance event with victories in the 800m (3:22.86), 1,500m (6:13.32), and 3,000m (13:23.65) runs for her four-

medal haul.

Agape Christian School's Miriam Zhao (3:54.95) and SIS' Nicole Huer (4:07.73) finished second and third behind Race in the 800m run, while Julia Ishikawa of SIS (7:05.96) and Claire Song of ACS (7:50.65) duplicated their feat in the 1,500m run.

Tamm ruled the javelin throw with a distance of 17.91m followed by Sapong's 16.31m and Bunts-Anderson's 13.01m.

Bunts-Anderson completed SIS' sweep in the throwing events when she cleared a distance of 7.48m in shotput, while Tamm ended up with the silver medal at 7.23m with ACS' Song bagging the bronze (6.42m).

the youth active through paddle-sports.

Registration is at Windsurfing Saipan, located north Hyatt Regency Saipan's beachside. Early registration for youth (8-16 years old) is \$10 and \$20 for adults (Over-17) until June 24.

Fee rates after June 24 will be \$15 for youth and \$30 for adult. Boards will be available for use through Windsurfing Saipan on race day for \$5.

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Tan won last year's girls U14 singles crown and prevailed too in the doubles with partner Julia Ishikawa. Schorr, on the other hand, ruled the boys U12 and is among the favorites in the U14 age group this year. Schorr also bagged last year's boys U12 doubles crown with Song, while Conatsu and Malika topped the girls U12 doubles contest.

Tan and company have been training under Race's watch since last month. Some of the Guam-bound players also saw action in the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships and the exposure in the Junior ITF event is an added boost to the Commonwealth's bets.

Bank of Hawaii, Hyatt Regency, Windsurfing Saipan, JET Holdings, Triple J Enterprises, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and KKMP Radio 92.1 are the event partners and sponsors.

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"They've been doing well in practice and continue to improve their games," Race added.

Race's wards will be playing against the host's players and representatives from Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Besides aiming for the age group championships in the U12, U14, and U16 singles and doubles, the CNMI junior players will also vie for slots on the North Pacific team that will compete in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji this August. Race said, initially the Top 3 finishers in the singles event of the various age groups get spots on the team, but there could be more slots at stake depending on the decision of the tournament organizer.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	29	25	.537	—
Tampa Bay	28	26	.519	1
Toronto	25	30	.455	4½
Boston	24	30	.444	5
Baltimore	23	29	.442	5

Central Division

Kansas City	30	20	.600	—
Minnesota	31	21	.596	—
Detroit	28	26	.519	4
Cleveland	25	27	.481	6
Chicago	24	27	.471	6½

West Division

Houston	34	20	.630	—
Los Angeles	28	26	.519	6
Texas	27	26	.509	6½
Seattle	24	29	.453	9½
Oakland	22	33	.400	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	24	.547	—
New York	29	25	.537	½
Atlanta	26	27	.491	3
Miami	22	32	.407	7½
Philadelphia	21	33	.389	8½

Central Division

St. Louis	35	18	.660	—
Pittsburgh	29	24	.547	6
Chicago	27	24	.529	7
Cincinnati	22	29	.431	12
Milwaukee	18	36	.333	17½

West Division

Los Angeles	31	22	.585	—
San Francisco	30	25	.545	2
San Diego	27	28	.491	5
Arizona	25	27	.481	5½
Colorado	24	28	.462	6½

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settled for the silver with an 8.27 finish, while Maui Doculan of Saipan International School came in third (8.54).

Peña then topped the century dash in 14.61 followed by Hopwood Junior High School's Pin Shankweiler (15.09) and Doculan (15.84).

She continued her amazing run in the 200m sprint with a 29.59 finish with Sapong (30.31) and SIS' Minami Sakai (34.32) settling for the silver and bronze medals, respectively.

Peña completed her sweep of the short distance races when she topped the 400m

Sonics settle for third place

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Regular season champion Sonics managed to save third place in the U20 division of the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League following a 79-72 victory over Blue Haus in the consolation game last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Sonics ended their campaign in the league on a winning note after outgunning Blue Haus from the 3-point area. The Sonics, who swept the elimination before dropping their semis match to the Ol'Aces last week, 48-69, canned nine triples against the six of Blue Haus.

Jack Aranda drilled five of those nine treys to finish with a game-high 35 points. Jaymark De Guzman, who fouled out in their semis loss to the Ol'Aces, leaving the Sonics with only four players midway in the third period, knocked in the four other triples against Blue Haus to wrap up the season with 23 points. Aranda and De Guzman's hot shooting from downtown made up for the absence of Sonics point guard Sean Rabasto and big man Er-

ick Dela Rosa.

De Guzman opened the Sonics' scoring with back-to-back triples, however Blue Haus still led after the first period, 19-17, thanks to the 9 markers of Borja and John Ray Gilles' triple and a two-point field goal. Dicky FERIA also had a basket from downtown for Blue Haus, while Dixon Kwon made one field goal to give their team a 2-point cushion, entering the second canto.

In the second period, the Sonics managed to grab the upper hand, 35-33, behind the 9 markers of De Guzman, who also tallied the team's last 5 points.

The Sonics never relinquished the lead from thereon, as De Guzman and Aranda continued to hit their targets. Aranda nailed the Sonics' first 8 markers in the third period, including two more triples, while De Guzman also added two more shots from beyond the arc aside from his one 2-point field goal. The duo combined for 18 of the Sonics' 20 points in the third with Mike Ogasawa scoring the 2 other markers to increase the team's advantage to 8, 55-47, going into the final canto.

In the fourth period, Aran-

da finished off Blue Haus, as he buried two more triples and fired 14 points in the finale to lift the Sonics to a third place finish.

Meanwhile, Armatech won the battle for third place in the Masters division after a no-show from LBT Appraisal.

In related news, the title matches in the Masters and U20 divisions will be played this Saturday. Unbeaten Blue Haus will take on Auto Motion in the Masters championship game at 6:30pm, while the Ol'Aces will challenge Armatech for the U20 crown at 8pm.

Sonics 79 – Aranda 35, De Guzman 23, Flores 9, Ogasawa 4, Ito 4, Tekopua 4.

Blue Haus 72 – Gilles 24, Borja 19, Factor 11, Kwon 10, Malonzo 5, FERIA 3.

Scoring by quarters: 17-19, 35-33, 55-47, 79-72.

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The Sonics' Mii Tekopua pulls up for a quick shot to avoid being blocked by Blue Haus' Shane De-leon Guerrero during their elimination round game in the U20 division of the UFO caging last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Sonics beat Blue Haus in the battle for third place, 79-72, last Wednesday night.



3v3 grassroots football tourney draws 25 teams



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Kanoa, right, and Matansa U10 players are in action during NMIFA's spring festival in April this year at the Koblerville Elementary School. The island's U10 players will be back at the pitch this weekend to compete in the 2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day.

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Nine more teams signed up for the 2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day Tournament, bringing the field to this Saturday's competition at the Oleai Sports Complex Field to 25.

The tournament, which was originally set for May 16 in celebration of the AFC Grassroots Football Day, but was cancelled due to Typhoon Dolphin, will feature teams in four divisions with the U10 and U12A drawing the most entries with seven apiece. The U8 division has six teams, while the U12B lured five squads.

All divisions will implement a round-robin format in the elimination and only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs with the No. 1 squad battling the No. 4 finisher and No. 2 and 3 placers colliding in the other semis pair-

ing. Each match will be played in two seven-minute halves.

MPU8-1 and MPU8-2 lead the cast of U8 division and will be joined by THFC-Nature, Paire FC, Matansa, and KNFC Might Duck, while the U10 age group has THFC Dark, THFC Bright, KNFC Might Orange, MPU10-1 and 2, Shirley's FC and Paire FC.

In the U12 division, Group A has THFC Chrome, Paire 3 Stooges, Kanoa Rangers 1 and 2, Forza MPU, Paire No.1s, and Matansa, while SFC Hunger Goals, MPU12B 1 and 2, Paire FC, and KNFC Vibrant are in Group B.

Games will start at 9:30am, while registration will begin at 8am. Each division will hold two matches at the same time. In the U8 division, the first two pairings will have MPU8-1 meeting THFC-Nature and Paire FC dueling MPU8-2. In the U10 age group, the first two games

are THFC Dark vs KNFC Might Orange and THFC Bright over MPU10-2. For Group B of the U12 division, SFC Hunger Goals will face MPU12B-1, while MPU12B-1 will take on Paire in the other opening match. Completing the lineup of opening games are the tiffs between THFC Chrome and Paire 3 Stooges and Kanoa Rangers 1 and 2 in Group B.

"We are expecting a lot of exciting games from the participating teams," NMIFA general secretary Ross Zapanta said.

"AFC is encouraging its members to hold activities during AFC Grassroots Football Day and NMIFA technical director Kiyoshi Sekiguchi decided to have this 3v3 because we had a very good turnout from the same tournament last year. NMIFA is planning to have an annual 3v3 tournament even if it does not coincide with the AFC Grassroots Football Day," Zapanta added.

SSC starts open water series Saturday

Saipan Swim Club will kick off the 2nd Annual Summer Open Water Series this Saturday at Paupau Beach.

Registration will run from 7am to 7:45am, while the swim will start at 8am. Participants can enter one of the three courses: 3.5 kilometer, 1.5K, and 50 meters. Entrance fee is only \$5, while SSC members and lifeguards (with proof of certification) can join free of charge.

"There will be a very short course for those new to open water swimming," SSC president and

series organizer Emma Perez said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

After this Saturday's event, SSC will hold two more open water swims. The second one is set for July 18 with participants swimming from Paupau Beach to Tanapag or a distance of 3.7 kilometers. Signup for the second swim will be earlier at 6am to 6:45am, while go time is at 7am.

For the third and final series on Aug. 2, swimmers have three options: 2.5K, 1.5K, and

50m. Registration is from 6am to 6:45am, while the race will begin at 7am.

SSC is bringing back the open water series after a successful launching last year.

"All the events went very well last summer. I'm hoping to continue expanding the opportunity for open water swims during the year," Perez added.

To register or for more information, call 322-4268. (Rose-lynn B. Monroyo)



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Swimmers listen during the race briefing for one of Saipan Swim Club's open water swims at Paupau Beach last year.



Djokovic beats
9-time French
Open champ
Nadal in quarters

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Peña is All-Schools sprint queen



JON PEREZ
Marianas High School's Friendly Joy Peña, right, prepares to pass the baton to teammate Ryan Relucio in the mixed team relay of last month's Public School System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship.

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Friendly Joy Peña crowned herself as the sprint queen of the recently concluded 12th Public School System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship after sweeping all four short distance events.

Peña collected a total of six medals, five of which were gold with Gabrielle Race adding three more as Marianas High School bets had an 8-6-1 haul to top the standings. Saipan International School came in second with 3-2-6.

Peña opened her medal

romp in the 60m run as she crossed the finish line in 7.94 seconds. Though she failed to beat her last year's time of 7.81, her performance was enough to eclipse her 8.08-second qualifying time.

Teammate Zarinae Sapong

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Haruya Eda returns to Germany's Marvin Bockers during their game in the qualifying tournament for the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last month at the AMP tennis courts.

Race positive about regionals bid

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CNMI coach Jeff Race believes his team has a very good chance in ruling two age groups in the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015.

"We definitely have strong U14 and U12 teams competing in this month's North Pacific championships," Race said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* last Tuesday. "I am positive we will finish in the Top 4 in those two age groups."

Race has Tania Tan, Malika Miyawaki, Mimi Sakano, and Asia Raulerson entered in the girls U14 division, while the

boys roster is composed of Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, and Haruya Eda. For the boys U12, the Commonwealth will be represented by Rintaro Miyawaki, Sean Lee, Seung Jin Paik, and Ji Min Woo, while the CNMI's

U12 team has siblings Conatsu and Coume Kaga, Erica Tuttle, and Maria Gregoire. Isabel Heras and

Ami Tsukagoshi complete the Commonwealth delegation and will be playing in the girls U16 division of the regionals, which Guam will be hosting from June 15 to 20.

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2 teams tied atop Saipan Times badminton

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The Green Badminators and the Sun Palace Yellow Smashers are currently tied atop the standings as the *Saipan Times* Open Badminton Team Tournament kicked off its inaugural season last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

All matches are in doubles—men's, women's, and mixed—with a two-set win giving the winning pair 3 points. If the game goes to three sets, the victorious tandem gets 2 points while the losing duo gets 1 point.

Two-set wins in the women's BC, women's B, men's AB, men's B, men's C in the first weekend of the tournament gave the Badminator 24 points, followed by the Racket Roadrunners' 20, while the Armatech Shuttlers and the Red Tigers had 11 apiece.

The Racket Roadrunners, meanwhile, humbled the Smashers in Friday's opening day and on Saturday as they were limited to 10 points, but bounced back big time in their match up against the Armatech Shuttlers on Sunday with 20 points.

The Smashers clinched three markers each in the women's B and A and mixed A and mixed C events.

Alma Ortega and Claire

Song opened the Badminators' campaign with a 21-18, 21-13 win over Christy Villaflo and Lani Santos in the women's BC event then Ortega joined Annette Ta for a 21-18, 21-13 triumph against Villaflo and Loida Ito in women's AB.

Ortega and Ta again delivered for the Badminators when they faced the Red Tigers. The duo downed Roxe Lazaro and Baby Banadera, 21-17, 21-18.

The Smashers, meanwhile, scored two-set wins against the Shuttlers in women's A and B and mixed A and C.

Nicole Malasarte, teaming up with Janelle Pangilinan in women's B, beat her mother Malou Malasarte and Ito, 23-21, 21-11, then joined Kim in a 21-18, 21-14 win over Ito and Villaflo in women's B.

The mixed C pair of A.J. Ortega and Irish Pagarao scored a 21-16, 21-18 win over Eydie Uy and Santos, while Smashers team captain Glen Blautjens and Pangilinan downed Jongmin Lee and Malou Malasarte, 21-14, 21-16.

Action continues this weekend with the second part of the matchups between the Badminators and the Tigers, and the Smashers and the Shuttlers. On Saturday and Sunday, the Badminators take on the Roadrunners while the Shuttlers battle the Tigers.



JON PEREZ
The Badminators' Deether Edralin, left, goes for a drive while teammate Ana Alvarez looks on in their game against the Armatech Shuttlers' Jong Min Lee and Malou Malasarte in the inaugural Saipan Times Open Badminton Team Tournament last week at the TSL Sports Complex.